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Roane, Kanawha Sightings Unexplained After Objects Are Tracked By Radar

By The Associated Press

The brightly-lit objects that were seen and tracked by radar in the skies over Roane and Kanawha counties this weekend remain a mystery, authorities said Sunday.

The objects were seen by a state trooper and a number of other citizens in Roane County Friday and by sheriff's deputies in eastern Kanawha County Saturday.

"All I can tell you is they were there. I can't explain it," said Bill Givens, flight controller supervisor at Kanawha Airport.

He said three of the slowmoving objects were observed in Roane and Kanawha counties. They were

moving 50-60 miles per hour, much slower than any small plane would normally fly.

But Givens said a helicopter would go that slowly.

"But again, you know, it seems odd. I don't know what they were," he said.

The objects were flying very high and appeared red and white to the naked eye, but green colors could be seen when viewed through binoculars, said Trooper Gary Williams of Spencer. He and about 13 other citizens watched the objects for about 40 minutes Friday.

"We saw something, but what it was we don't know," he said.

NEWS-REVIEW, Petoskey, MI - Oct. 13, 1978

See Bright Lights in Sky Here, too

By KENDALL P. STANLEY

Recent reported sightings of UFOs - unidentified flying objects - in the Ludington, Pentwater and Traverse City areas prompted Maxwell Road resident George M. McInnis to stop in the office this morning to relay his tale of seeing the object Monday night as he strolled around his property.

McInnis was out walking about 8 p.m. trying to scare off bears that have been raiding his beehives. As he approached his barn, he looked to the northwest, over what would be Bay View.

"The lights attracted me, they were much more intense than an airplane's, maybe 10 or 20 times brighter," he states.

The lights as described by McInnis were red, green and white - the same color combination reported in the downstate sightings. Those reports also indicated that the lights were very intense.

"People might say you're nuts, but there is no mistaking it, it wasn't an airplane," McInnis comments.

He said the object appeared to be about five miles away, at an altitude of 1,500 to 2,000 feet.

He said he watched the object for about one minute, before he could no longer see it. A large cloud on the horizon blocked his view of the object, and he said the craft rose and fell above the cloud bank three times.

"I haven't seen anything like it before, and my wife was a little disturbed - she's always wanted to see one," McInnis recalled.

He phoned the FAA Flight Station at the Emmet County Airport, but Leonard Klungle, who was on duty that night, reports no aircraft in the area out of their flight plans.

Lt. Col. Robert Hill, of the Air Force radar station in Bay Shore, indicates they received no calls Monday night of a

flying object, although he did receive some in July from people living in the Good Hart area overlooking Lake Michigan.

The reported sightings have all been over water, and along the eastern side of Lake Michigan.

Hill explained that the radar station does not monitor the skies in a 360-degree radius - their equipment is for pencil-beam (Narrow view) tracking.

"We did get some reports in the early summer, and they did fit the description -- red, green and white lights. But the Air Force does not have an official program on UFOs any more, so we just file them," Hill states.

In the 1950s and 60s, the Air Force did conduct investigations of UFO sightings, with that work now the subject of the television program "Project U.F.O."

Strange objects are spotted

ELYSBURG - UFO's or a bunch of kids trying to scare residents of the Elysburg area?

Last evening, Ralpho Township Police were called to the Lindy Acres area. Several residents spotted bright red round objects in the sky that would zig-zag and make a strange noise.

Officer Ronald Newman reported that Bloomsburg Radio Communication called him at 8:45 p.m. to check out the reported red spots in the sky. When he arrived at the homes he said he could not see anything that resembled the reported large red spots.

One woman reported she and her

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daughter arrived home from shopping when they noticed the red round circles. They were first bright white and would flash and then turn bright red and not flash, she said. They also made a sound she couldn't describe. Her neighbors and her husband also saw the 12 or more red objects in the sky and then they "just disappeared."

Officer Newman left the Lindy Acres area and went immediately to the Northumberland Airport a short distance away. There, he saw two cars that began to race from him. He said he questioned several youths in the cars, but they told him they had come from the Snydertown area

before coming to Elysburg. At the same time the UFOs were reported in the Lindy Acres area, a youth called the Elysburg reporter and informed her that he and his friend had just seen bright red objects in the sky over the Snydertown area. Several weeks ago the youth and his family had seen about 19 of these objects and used a telescope to get a better look. The objects were too far off to make a better identification, but they said they knew the objects were neither airplanes nor helicopters.

Close Encounters Of A Weird Kind

Deanne Kearns reported a close encounter of a weird kind about two miles north of the river bridge early Sunday morning. Deanne said she spotted a grey, metallic saucer-shaped object hovering 200 to 300 feet off the ground there.

She described it as having observation windows or portholes and red and green flashing lights. During the five to ten minutes it remained off the ground, Deanne said two "things" about five to six feet tall came out of the saucer, looked around, took some samples of shrubs, earth etc. and then went back up inside the saucer on a beam of light.

The 10th grade Ord High student described the two things as being blackish-brown in color, and having tentacles on their sides. Their heads were blob-like according to the Ord High student.

After ten minutes or so, the saucer shot straight up and took off, according to the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monte Kearns.

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UFO Center Investigating Sighting by Mahaffey Woman

By ANDY PETKAC
Progress Staff Writer

MAHAFFEY — The Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research in Pittsburgh said a Mahaffey R.D. housewife may have sighted an unidentified flying object early yesterday morning.

"Certainly if the woman saw an object as big as her picture window in the sky, there's no way what she saw was a star," UFO expert Robert Cowell said in a telephone interview.

Mr. Cowell's comment concerned a 1:30 a.m. sighting along Banner Ridge outside Mahaffey Tuesday. The object was seen by Mrs. Kathy Moyer while she was letting her dog Coco out of the house.

"I just looked out the door to see where the dog went, and I saw it," Mrs. Moyer said.

She explained the glowing, oval object was "as big as a picture window in the sky." Moving at treetop level, the object emitted a pulsating, blue light that "shone pretty bright around the hilltop," Mrs. Moyer added.

"At first I thought it was a helicopter, but then I realized I didn't hear any noise coming from it," she noted.

Since the object was only 100 yards away, the Mahaffey R.D. housewife pointed out a helicopter's noise would have been audible from the doorway where she stood.

Even though the object made no noise, the Moyer dog Coco was making plenty of racket barking and chasing after the light.

"Coco was all right at first, but when the light came over the ridge he started barking at it," Mrs. Moyer said, adding other Mahaffey residents also reported their dogs were barking around the time the light appeared.

That reaction is typical in such sightings, according to the UFO research center director in Pittsburgh.

"With the size of the object, and the reaction of the dog, there had to be something there, even if it was an explainable object such as a helicopter," Mr. Cowell said.

However, the light's movement across the sky "points to something other than a known object. (Tuesday morning) there was no wind, so the noise would have traveled pretty good," the UFO expert added.

Mrs. Moyer didn't need an expert's advice when the object changed directions and headed toward the house.

"I slammed the door and locked it," she said, adding the next sound she heard was her dog frantically scratching at the door and whining.

After letting the petrified Coco back inside, Mrs. Moyer quickly relocked the door.

"I even closed the curtains, because I was afraid to look outside until my husband came home," she said, explaining her husband was working the night shift at a Benjamin Coal Co. operation.

Until her husband arrived, she comforted her two-year-old daughter Shannon, who awoke and started crying shortly after the light appeared.

"She was all excited when I came in, but I told her I thought it probably was a star or a helicopter," said Craig Moyer, who also is a part-time policeman for the Coalport-Irvona police force.

The object his wife saw was gone by that time, which was about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning. Taking a pair of binoculars with him, Mr. Moyer went outside to investigate.

Gazing up at the star-filled sky, he spotted two objects above the area where his wife's sighting took place earlier. These objects were much higher in the sky, and they were shaped "like the bottom half of an egg," Mr. Moyer said.

"You could see on the bottom it was all blue, and there were flashing red lights on the top," he explained.

Watching these objects through the binoculars, Mr. Moyer said he also spotted a third such object on a hillside in back of the house.

"All of a sudden a big falling star went across the sky—like a white streak of light—and by the time I turned around, the one in back of the house was gone," he noted.

After standing outside near their unoccupied trailer home for nearly a half-hour, Mr. Moyer returned to his father-in-law's home where he and his wife are living. He and Mrs. Moyer watched the two objects until 4 a.m. Tuesday.

Mr. Moyer said the objects made no noise as they hovered in the air. Their only movement was an occasional vertical motion, he added.

"To me, that sounds so much like a star," Mr. Cowell commented, explaining a star often creates the optical illusion of vertical motion in a dark sky.

"It's not very often that UFOs hang around for more than 15 or 20 minutes at a time, or a half hour at the most," Mr. Cowell added, noting the Moyers' second sighting lasting over two hours was very unusual.

The UFO expert said it would be "awful hard to make a decision at this time" about the authenticity of both the first and second Moyer sightings.

"What I think might have happened is the wife might have had a very good sighting in the beginning, but when he (Mr. Moyer) came home, he might have seen all those bright stars out and started mistaking them for UFOs," Mr. Cowell said.

He noted more investigation into the Mahaffey sighting is needed. The Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research will look into the case, Mr. Cowell added.

Museum curator seeks UFO data

By MICHELLE SCOTT

CRESSON, Texas (AP) — Has anybody got a spare flying saucer lying around? If so, Jim Peel wants to know about it.

Peel, curator of the Pate Museum of Transportation at Cresson, near Fort Worth, says the museum plans to establish the nation's first comprehensive display on unidentified flying objects. But, he says, not many people want to talk about encounters with UFOs.

"The main obstacle has been finding factual information," Peel said. "We've had calls from several people telling us experiences they've had with UFOs, but they're not backed up with scientific data."

The museum's founder, oil tycoon A. M. Pate of Fort Worth, says the government hasn't been any help either.

"The Air Force is extremely reluctant even to discuss the subject," Pate said. "Even the Smithsonian hasn't been able to help us. They have a 20-foot mockup of a UFO in storage, but it's too big to transport across the country and there's no way to disassemble it."

The museum has been successful, however, in getting UFO authority Dr. J. Allen Hynek as a major contributor, says museum special coordinator Tom Blann.

Blann says Hynek will provide the museum with motion pictures of "actual unknowns" and a copy of UFOCAT, the largest organized catalogue of UFO reports in the world.

The museum plans to include in its presentation an introduction to the UFO phenomenon, UFO reports dating from 1897 to the present, natural phenomena commonly misidentified as UFOs and a discussion of different types of organizations which study UFOs.

Peel said the museum display is not designed to prove UFOs exist, although he personally "firmly believes" in them.

He had never given much thought to UFOs until he began putting together the museum display, Peel said.

"I'd been pretty skeptical," he said. "But the more I get into it, I believe there are other beings on other planets. There's so much that has not been proven false by the government."

Peel said the museum still needs photographs, drawings or scale models based on eyewitness accounts of UFO sightings and information on documents, reports or any physical evidence or memorabilia pertaining to UFOs.

"We hope to put together a nice enough permanent exhibit that it could become a traveling exhibit," Peel said. "Who knows. Maybe while we're traveling with it we'll have a close encounter ourselves."

4 UFO Sightings Reported Over Johnstown Wednesday

BY PAULA PYLE
American Staff Writer

News spread of four UFO sightings in Johnstown early Wednesday morning, when news director, Jeff Wilkinson of WJNL, answered a 6:30 a.m. phone call from a woman wanting to know about four lights moving across the sky.

Wilkinson said he at first thought the call was from a quack but took the information and called the Johnstown Police Department.

Sure enough, police verified and admitted the sightings over downtown Johnstown between 11:30 p.m. and 12:15 a.m. Tuesday night.

Wilkinson also welcomed calls over the WJNL's morning RIB Show, and to his surprise, over 50 calls came from people, all describing the four objects as rectangular or straight-line in shape, and red, white and possibly blue in color.

They hovered over the city unlike any airplane, and were described as having a humming sound.

Upon further investigation, Wilkinson contacted WWVA radio in Wheeling, W.Va., where earlier this week, four

UFO's, similarly described, were spotted.

An interview by Wilkinson with John Price from WWVA, revealed UFO sightings in Zanesville, Ohio, Parkersburg, Huntington and Martinsburg, W.Va., all since Monday.

According to Wilkinson, 11 lawmen watched lights hover for more than three hours near Parkersburg, in Wood County, W.Va.

Cambria County Airport had no report of the UFO sightings, according to Wilkinson because, "They close at 11 p.m. and have no radar equipment."

From the editor.

In Thursday's Daily Herald, we carried a story entitled "Strange ... But True, which described some rather unusual indentions in the ground near Toronto. We were discussing the story today and one of our staff told us that she knew a man who had seen what appeared to be a triangular shaped object flying slowly through the sky. She indicated that her source was reliable, but, she felt that he would not want his name mentioned.

If you get up near Toronto on the Mud Flats, keep your eyes open. You may just see something you cannot explain.—lwh

UFOs

Airport Radar Confirms Sightings Second Night

By Chris Knap

Brightly-lit, circular flying objects were sighted over the eastern portion of Kanawha County Saturday night, and the Kanawha Airport confirmed the sightings with reports of unidentified targets on its radar screens.

Police agencies and citizens in Chesapeake sighted the objects about 8 p.m. They were described as thick and brightly lit, with red and green flashing lights revolving around their perimeters.

Chesapeake police informed the Kanawha County sheriff's department, and deputies contacted the tower at the airport with the news. It was then that a startled controller told them he had seen targets on his screen.

"Very briefly we had three targets down in the Chesapeake-Belle area," said Bill Givens, flight controller supervisor at the Kanawha Airport. Givens said the targets remained on the screen about four minutes.

Deputies detached to the scene spotted one of the craft over Witcher's Creek, and took color pictures of it. Deputy R.B. Pritt reported that it appeared to have at least four lights on its hull. "We thought we could see it rotating," he said. The deputies lost sight of the craft about 9:45 p.m., but citizens in that portion of the valley continued to report sightings of the craft.

Gary Corley of Chesapeake reported at 11:10 p.m. that three craft were in a

triangular formation high above the city. He said pulsating bursts of white light were coming from the lead craft.

Meanwhile, in Spencer, Trooper Gary Williams was watching three brightly lit objects hovering over Roane County. While controller Givens spoke with the South Charleston state police detachment, which was in radio contact with Williams, Givens watched three radar targets of an unidentified nature on his screen.

But as he communicated with police, the targets disappeared from his screen, even though Williams said the objects had not moved. Givens said the Spencer targets had remained on his screen approximately an hour.

He contacted the Indianapolis Air Traffic Control Center, and was told that there were no aircraft in the areas in question. He said an armed services coordinator told him there were no military craft nearby either.

Givens then contacted the Seattle, Wash., UFO reporting center and described the sightings.

Similar objects were also sighted by citizens and police Friday night, but none were confirmed by radar at that time.

In Charleston, Sunrise planetarium director Bob Gardner said he spotted a bright object over the city about 9 p.m. Friday night. Gardner assumed the object was a plane.

But Tracy Gossard, a 13-year-old Churchill Drive resident, said she and three friends spotted a saucer-like object between 8:20 and 8:30 p.m. that neither acted nor looked like an airplane. She said the object was huge, shaped like a frisbee, and was brightly lit.

Miss Gossard said the object flashed on and off, flew across the sky in all four directions, and once dipped down toward earth.

Just outside of Spencer Friday night, Trooper Williams, two city policemen, a deputy sheriff, and a crowd of citizens watched two brightly-lit objects hover high up over W.Va. 36. Williams said the objects were "very high up, and brighter than the brightest star."

With the naked eye, he said, the objects appeared red and white. But when viewed through binoculars, blue and green colors could also be seen. One of the objects disappeared after about an hour, but the other remained visible and fairly stationary until close to midnight.

Astronomer Gardner was reluctant to speculate on the nature of the objects. "I have no idea at all what they could be," he said. "I've never seen a UFO myself. Most things I see in the sky I can identify. I wish I could have seen those things (Friday night), and maybe I could have identified them."

Local Trio Sights UFO

COLUMBIA — Mrs. Andrew Sopko, South Fifteenth Street, Columbia, has reported, with some hesitancy, that she, and her 10-year-old son, Landy, and seven-year-old Jamie Kinnard spotted, shortly after returning from Lancaster a strange flying object Friday, October 6.

Since that time Mrs. Sopko has been attempting to locate someone who either saw the same object or can tell her what it might have been.

A UFO? The local residents are wondering if the large wing-like object with a number of white lights on its underside, flashing one at a time and a small red light at its end, could possibly have been a UFO. The object made no noise as it moved eastward over Fifteenth Street.

NEWS, Columbia, Pa. - Oct. 27, 1978

'Saucer-type objects' seen in DeKalb skies

CHRONICLE, DeKalb, IL - Oct. 30, 1978

They were saucer-type objects, white or milky colored.

That's the description of two unidentified flying objects a Northern Illinois professor gave DeKalb police after he saw them flying over the city Saturday night.

Clinton Jesser, of 7 Morraine Terrace, told police he was out jogging at 10 p.m. Saturday when he saw the objects pass at "tremendous

speeds" across the sky.

Jesser, who teaches sociology at NIU, said the objects flew from the southern horizon to the north, then veered to the northwest where they disappeared.

He said they have a very definite saucer shape.

DeKalb police said they are giving a copy of Jesser's report to the UFO Center in Chicago.



STREAKING ACROSS the sky is a bright unidentified flying object in Roane County. Several residents of eastern Kanawha County and other parts of Southern West Virginia reported sighting UFOs during the weekend. This photo was taken by a Roane County photographer for the state police.

GAZETTE-MAIL, Charleston, WV - Oct. 24, 1978

UFO Sleuth Terms Recent Sightings in Barry County Valid

By CLIFF KIDDER
Globe Staff Writer

CASSVILLE, Mo. — UFO sightings reported earlier this month in Barry County have been termed "valid" and will be studied further, a UFO investigator said Monday.

Soil samples at two area residences were taken recently by Ted Phillips, a Sedalia resident and research associate for the UFO Studies Center, Chicago. He visited the Marlett Sturgell farm near Jenkins where six persons reported Oct. 8 seeing a UFO rise into the morning air and fly off. He also visited the Everett Smith home at Purdy where another sighting was reported Oct. 12.

Phillips took soil samples and measured the radiation level where the UFO reportedly lifted off at the Sturgell farm. Phillips reported radiation readings were no higher than normal. Six family members reported seeing a silver, oval-shaped object rise from their meadow; a grassy area four-foot in diameter was left discolored.

The UFO sleuth also investigated a second UFO sighting similar to the one reported on the Sturgell farm. The sighting was made by a Purdy couple who reported to the Barry County Sheriff's Department seeing a UFO a few days after the Sturgell sighting.

Mrs. Everett Smith reported seeing a strange, white object hovering above her yard about 1 a.m., Oct. 12. The UFO remained over her yard for about 30 minutes. Early the next morning she investigated the area and, like the Sturgells, found an area in the grass that was circular and discolored.

In an interview Monday, Phillips told The Globe that further soil samples at the Sturgell site will be taken soon for further study. He termed the site "interesting" and said data from the site is being turned over to the Chicago center for analysis before any conclusions can be reached.

Phillips says he has personally investigated over 500 UFO sighting during the past 14 years, and has established certain criteria a UFO sighting must meet before he will conduct an investigation: A reported sighting must involve more than one person; the witnesses must observe the UFO for more than two minutes; the UFO must be viewed no more than 250 feet away; there must be physical evidence that the UFO landed; and there must be physical evidence that the UFO has affected animal or plant life in the area.

Missouri and Iowa are the leading states for UFO

sightings, Phillips reports. There have been some 1,500 reported sightings in Missouri that date as far back as 1897, he adds. Several hundred of these sightings, like the ones at Jenkins and Purdy, involve actual ground contacts.

Phillips says there are about five to seven UFO sightings reported in the U.S. every day; about 100 are reported worldwide. The UFO Studies Center in Chicago presently has stored in its computer between 65,000 and 75,000 reports on UFO sightings.

The purpose of the UFO Center, Phillips explains, is to enlighten the public about UFOs. The Center gathers information on the cases and will preserve the information until technology can explain them.

According to Phillips, a recent poll indicates that some 15 million Americans believe that sometime during their life they have seen a UFO, but most do not report the sighting because they fear ridicule.

Phillips investigated the UFO sighting that occurred in McDonald County about 14 months ago. A man and his wife reported seeing a strange craft sitting on a sloping hill one night. They said they were approached by a human-like figure wearing a one-piece suit. The McDonald County man reportedly sped away in his pickup truck.

The human-like figure, the McDonald County man later described, fits descriptions other people have given, the Chicago investigator says. These humanoids, as Phillips describes them, are reportedly about four feet tall, have large heads, grayish skin, little or no hair, large eyes, and wear scuba diving-type suits.

Phillips, along with several members of the UFO Center, will appear before the United Nation's General Assembly Nov. 27 in an effort to gain a resolution seeking international cooperation in UFO sightings. Phillips says such a resolution would give the UFO research efforts credibility, and would make research easier.

He says the UFO Center receives no government funding, but is financed by private donations. The Center has research associates in every state; they receive only expense money and no salary. Phillips is an inspector for the Missouri Highway Department and conducts his UFO investigations on weekends.

The recent sightings in Barry County, Phillips says, fit the pattern of many other such sightings in the country and will be classified as a UFO until further data and testing prove otherwise.

No Answers Yet

No concrete answers have, as yet, been offered to explain the mysterious depressions found southwest of Toronto by Jim Smith of rural Toronto.

Smith discovered the depressions while riding his horse along the mud flats, north of the junction of the Verdigris and Walnut Rivers. Smith told The NEWS last week that he discovered the strange depressions when his horse shied and refused to go within fifteen or twenty feet of the area. It was then that Smith saw the seven depressions in the ground: six depressions formed in an almost perfect circle around a larger seventh depression.

The area was subjected to Gieger counter tests last week by two Toronto residents including Larry Sele, chief of police.

According to Sele the area didn't register any noticeable radiation count, but when asked further if he was surprised to find that out in light of the flooding that occurs in the area, Sele said that he wasn't.

"It's possible that any radioactive materials could have been carried away, or buried by the floods," Sele said.

Shortly after noon last Thursday, Oct. 19, Charles Read, Toronto, owner of the Fun Spot, was visited by two men describing themselves as federal agents.

Read said that he was working on a pinball machine when two men entered his business, both men wearing jeans and dressed like "anyone else", and began playing the various machines. Read said that after a time one of the men asked him if he knew anything about the "flying saucer landing".

"I told them that this was the first I had heard about it. They then said that they were with the federal government, and that something had definitely landed out there."

However, Read added that neither man showed him any identification, or identified themselves in any way or identified the agency they were with.

"They just said that they had taken core samples, and that something had definitely landed out there," Read said.

Larry Lawrence, technical engineer with the Fall River-Toronto Corps of Engineers, visited the site of the depressions last Saturday afternoon and walked away convinced that something had landed in the area, but wouldn't even guess at what it might have been.

"In my opinion, something landed there, but I have no idea what it could have been, and I don't believe flying saucers. The depressions are too evenly spaced apart for it to be coincidence, and there was no sign of any digging in the area — in fact that point is kind of senseless because there's nothing out there to dig for — the ground inside the depressions seems to be packed down, especially in the center hole, which might even have been packed down by heat. I don't know, without running any tests I'm just guessing, but that's what it seems to be."

The NEWS tried all last week to find out who the "federal agents" were, and what agency they were with, but was only told that operation "blue book" closed down in 1969, and that there is no federal agency currently investigating UFO's or any other phenomena.

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UFOs Brighten Skies In Ohio, West Virginia

By CINDY SCHAFER
Herald-Dispatch Staff Writer

There were some brilliant colors to be seen in West Virginia and Ohio this weekend, and they weren't all leaves falling from trees.

They were lights — blinking, flashing and soaring — across the dark skies. Residents and law enforcement officers in Mason, Putnam, Kanawha, Morgan and Roane counties in West Virginia and Gallia County in Ohio reported sightings.

All the excitement spells: unidentified flying objects, or UFOs.

THE CENTER for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., received several calls from West Virginians who spotted strange phenomena during the weekend, a center spokeswoman said.

The center is directed by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, professor emeritus of astronomy at Northwestern University and technical adviser for the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

West Virginia callers were referred to the center's staff investigators, who take detailed descriptions of the phenomena seen and try to determine whether the lights or objects were caused by atmospheric or man-made conditions, the spokeswoman said.

About 10 percent of the calls routinely received by the center are unexplainable, she said. These are classified as UFOs.

Mason County sheriff's department deputy Frank Crump was one first-hand observer of this weekend's excitement.

CRUMP was on duty early Saturday morning when the Gallipolis, Ohio, city police dispatcher called the sheriff's department about a UFO spotted by policemen near Gallipolis Ferry, W. Va. "So we went down to see it," Crump said.

Crump and a sheriff's department dispatcher met the policemen at Gallipolis Ferry, and there it was — "a jagged spherical shape. . . I could see green, orange, red and blue lights, and the base was a real bright white," Crump said.

At first, Crump suspected it was a weather balloon or "somebody playing jokes" by sending up a plastic dry cleaner bag lit and buoyed by a candle. "But it was moving too fast," he said.

Crump and his companion chased the object about 13 miles to the Mason-Cabell county line. As the object lowered toward the ground, Crump estimated it as about six feet in diameter. The object was silent.

It rose again, and was "still terribly bright" when about six miles in the sky, he said. Only now the colors were changing to predominantly blue.

Crump left after about three hours, and the object was still in the sky, he said.

"A flying saucer — no. I don't know what it was, and that makes it a UFO to me," he said.

"It didn't bother me," he said. "I would have liked to get closer and see what it was. I wasn't going to get on it, though."

Dimension Added To UFO's Identified Following Objects

By ANGELA MALLICOTE
V-T Staff Writer

A Bristol Tennessee couple has added a new dimension to UFOs. Ken and Laura Hampton have come up with an IFO.

The couple, who live at 101 Edgemere Dr., Bristol Tennessee, believes there is a logical explanation for an object they saw flashing red and green and white in the sky although other seeing similar objects in Bristol say they are "flying saucers."

Laura called the Bristol Virginia-Tennessean this morning to report Ken's encounter with a UFO near Galax, Va.

When asked about the UFO, Ken acknowledged his wife's report, and verified the sighting.

Then he reported her IFO — Identified Following Object.

"Did Laura tell you about the rock she found on the mountain," he asked jokingly. "You ought to get her to tell you about that. It follows her around."

But first, here is another in the running accounts of UFOs:

Ken and Laura were spending the weekend in a cabin about 10 miles south of Galax in the Baywood community when

Laura said Ken "hollered for me to come and look at something weird from the front porch" Saturday around midnight.

Laura, Ken and their friend Gael Bright all claim they saw a hovering object with red, green and white lights flashing but "we couldn't tell if it was rotating," Laura added. "We watched it for about an hour through binoculars thinking it could be a helicopter or something," she continued. "But a helicopter wouldn't sit there for an hour."

Ken said the object descended slowly in the sky while they watched "exactly the way I saw it Labor Day weekend," he noted. "In the same place."

Laura said she thought it was "astounding" there were other sightings of similar objects in the Bristol area yesterday.

The couple tried to come up with explanations for the sighting. "I think it could be a beacon on a mountain," Ken said. "I've seen the same thing in the same place twice. There's got to be a logical explanation for it."

Sightings in the Bristol area yesterday were reported by city patrolmen who described the object.

"Three or four times faster

than a falling star, it traveled out of the south at a tremendous rate of speed, stopping just as fast as it was going. It started revolving, red, green and white lights were flashing."

According to Lt. Charlie Cross of the Bristol Virginia Police Department, that is what he saw at 1 a.m. Wednesday while on Bob Morrison Blvd.

Looking at a similar object later Wednesday morning, Capt. Joe Musser of the Bristol Tennessee Police Department said it "looked like a real bright light, hanging in the air and moving around."

"I saw three flying saucers that were round, they had green and red lights flashing in three different locations in the sky," Det. Al Arrants of the BTPD said.

Lt. Cross continued, "I was checking out a car lot on Morrison Blvd. when I first spotted the object. Coming out of the south, it stopped in the west over the Bristol Newspapers building."

"When it stopped, I could actually see it rotating, with its green, red and white lights flashing."

"Behind it, one away in the distance with red and white

lights approached. I then called another officer (Charles Jones) and he saw the same thing."

UFO bright yellow light. . .

Bea Bartlett and ten of her neighbors in a Rawlins trailer court watched a possible UFO hover over the western part of the city for twenty-five minutes before it flew away.

According to Mrs. Bartlett, she noticed a bright yellow light in the evening skies at 9:10 p.m. and immediately called her friends. Their combined reports indicate that the UFO was surrounded by yellow light and had an intermittently flashing red light on top. Several silver lines resembling some sort of "power ray

projected downward from the object. At one point during their observation, the object seemed to separate into two distinct parts although the parts continued to move in the same direction.

The witnesses report that the UFO was being followed by an aircraft but they were unable to identify its origin.

At 9:35 p.m. the object radiated a bright yellow flash before it disappeared behind a hill northwest of town.

"It stood steady in one spot for at least ten minutes," said Mrs. Bartlett, "and it was holding too steady to be either a plane or a helicopter."

WYOMING NEWS, Cody, WY - Nov. 2, 1978

VIRGINIA-TENNESSEAN, Bristol, VA - Oct. 26, 1978

Officers See UFO

Two Livingston police officers reported sighting a UFO early Wednesday morning, October 25. At about 1:40 a.m. Ptl. Lee Schroeder was on patrol in the Riker Hill area in the north corner of the township. He stopped his car on Morningside Drive when he saw four distinct lights floating in the sky.

Calling for another officer to verify his thought that the lights were caused by an unidentified flying object, he was soon joined by Ptl. James Smith. The two watched the lights, red and white in color, for about four minutes as they hovered in the sky to the west, in the general direction of the WVNJ radio antenna towers. Then the lights disappeared into the night.

The sighting coincides with a period when other reports have been received from elsewhere in the world. Most prominent in recent days has been the account of an Australian pilot who is believed by some to have been taken aboard a UFO.

Police Chief William Hucker said that the incident was reported to federal authorities through an agency established for the purpose of coordinating information on UFOs.

PRESS, Grand Rapids, MI
Nov. 9, 1978

5 Sightings Of UFOs Reported

UFOs again were seen in the sky over Kent County Wednesday night, according to two area police agencies.

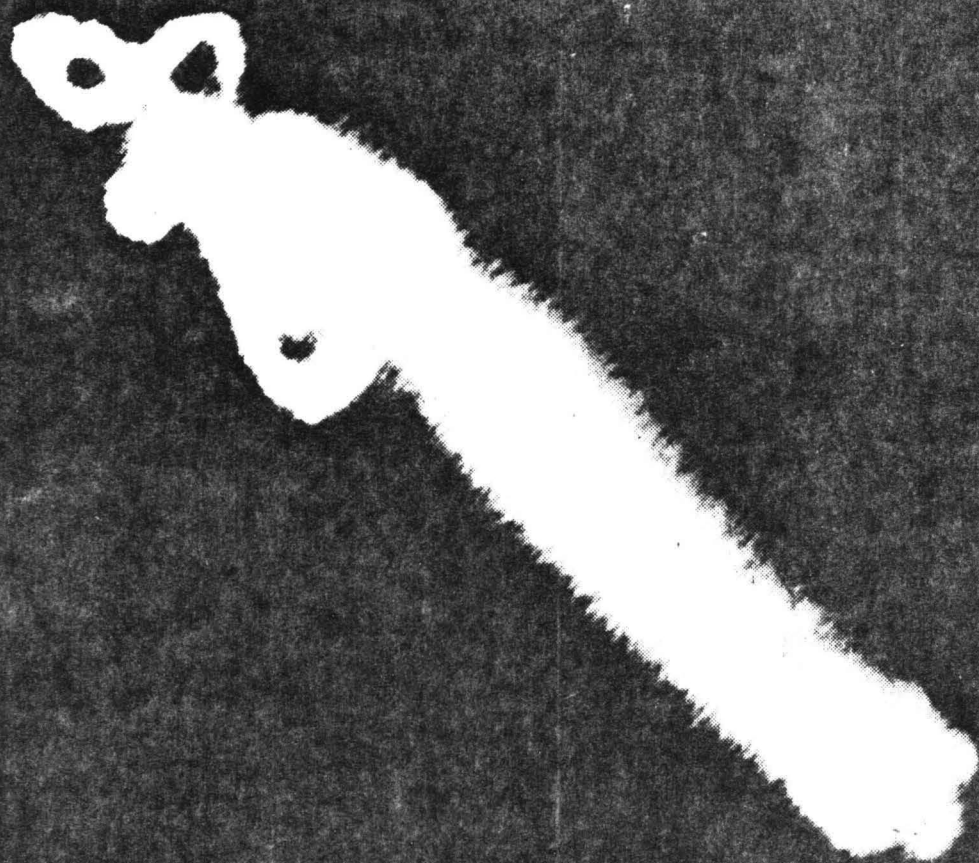
State police at the Rockford postsaid they received two reports of a metallic craft over the Gratton area shortly before 10 p.m.

"There were two Gratton residents who called and wanted to know if anyone else had reported seeing the objects," said Sgt. Donald Anderson. "They said they were just reporting the UFOs, but didn't give any detailed description."

"Also, they didn't want to be contacted further by us. Most people feel so foolish about (reporting UFOs), they don't want to be contacted."

Between 10:15 a.m. and 10:30 p.m., Grand Rapids received three calls from city residents reporting a UFO over three separate locations.

The first caller reported one over the East Beltline Se, south of Fulton Street. The second reported a UFO over I-96 and US-131 freeway exchange. The third caller said he spotted a UFO over John Ball Park. Police dispatchers had all their patrol cars tied at the time and were unable to send officers to verify the reports.



WHO KNOWS what this object really is? It was seen Sunday in the sky above the Marmet area as scores of residents reported seeing a UFO. There appears to be a cluster of lights at the end of the white streak. The streak was caused when the

lens of the camera was left open for what is called a time exposure. The picture was taken by Harlan Burns of Marmet and given to area police.

Dazzling Lights Make Sky A Marquee for 'UFO-Watchers

United Press International

It has been a big week for UFO watchers in West Virginia.

People in at least a half dozen counties have seen strange lights in the sky since the weekend.

Similar reports came from parts of Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Eleven law enforcement officers in Wood County Wednesday watched mysterious lights hover over Parkersburg for more than three hours. They said one of the lights moved off to the south, toward the community of Elizabeth.

The officers said the lights were red, white, blue and green.

At Johnstown in southern Pennsylvania, early morning listeners began calling a radio station to ask about "a cluster of lights" in the sky.

A talk show took up the subject and about 50 persons responded to verify the sighting.

Most agreed there were four lights, red and white, in a rectangular formation.

They were bigger than stars and just glowing, not flashing, said a caller.

At least five persons who called the station were police officers on their way home from work.

Earlier in the week, UFO sightings were reported in Kanawha, Morgan, Mason, Putnam, Cabell and Roane counties in West Virginia and Gallia County in Ohio.

Many persons said the lights were stationary. Others said the lights stayed for a while in one place and then zipped off at great speed.

The Center for UFO Studies at Evanston, Ill. said it had received several UFO reports by telephone from West Virginians.

At Marshall University in Huntington, a physics professor said there are certain atmospheric conditions that could cause ground lights to reflect in the sky. Astronomers have advanced the same theory.

But that wouldn't explain the strange blips seen on a radar screen at the Kanawha County Airport during the weekend.

All the talk about UFOs has brought out many skywatchers.

At Davis Creek near Charleston late Tuesday, five youths sat in a circle in a grocery store parking lot, looking up.

"What are you doing?" they were asked.

"Looking for UFOs," one said.

Over Derry Ridge

Others In Area Spotted Objects

By BILL BROWN
Bulletin Staff Writer

Just like it stated in the advertisements for the smash film; "Close Encounters," Mark Withrow was "not alone" Tuesday night.

Withrow was the hesitant caller Wednesday morning who reported sighting "six red lights in the sky;" from outside his home near Keystone Lake.

The lights, according to Withrow, followed a flight pattern over the Derry Ridge, after having hovered near the Ridge for a short time.

The Derry R.D. 2 resident said they couldn't have been airplane lights because they remained stationary at times, and "they didn't even look like airplane lights."

Withrow said he was reluctant to have his name printed along with his report in the newspaper for fear that "people will think I'm crazy. But, I know what I saw."

Withrow needn't have been so worried.

The news account of his sighting in Wednesday's Bulletin apparently sparked courage in a number of other area residents to admit that they saw the same thing he did at about midnight Tuesday.

Withrow reported yesterday that he received 38 calls at his home Wednesday evening from people who also spotted the mysterious "red lights" in the sky and had read his story in The Bulletin.

Confirm Reports

In addition, The Bulletin office also got calls from residents wishing to confirm Withrow's story with their own versions of Tuesday night's semi-close encounter.

One of the reports was from Marge Bolish of New Derry, who witnessed four red lights near the Derry Ridge at approximately the same time that Withrow said he was watching them.

And, just as in Withrow's account, Ms. Bolish said three of the lights remained in a triangular pattern, never varying, while the fourth "object" was away from that alignment.

A third person to confirm the "triangular light formation" was Joseph Luko of Ridgeview Heights who stopped in at The Bulletin office yesterday saying, "I just came in to let you know

that if that guy in the paper thought he was crazy 'cause he saw those lights, then I'm crazy too."

Luko, who admitted he has had experience with helicopters and various aircraft, said the lights were too intense to be airplanes and there was no flashing strobe effect as is found on airplanes. "If the lights had been airplanes, you'd never been able to even see them from that far away, either," Luko said.

Ms. Bolish said she watched the objects for 20 minutes, and never heard a sound. She said she did hear the noise of an airplane passing through the same area.

Ms. Bolish also detailed an interesting occurrence during the 20-minute "aerial show." She said an airplane passed through the flight lane over the ridge and appeared to be "scanned" by one of the mysterious objects.

"All of a sudden a big beacon light shown on the airplane, almost like one of the lights was checking it over as it passed...scanning it."

Ms. Bolish said the objects eventually disappeared over the ridge toward Johnstown.

A Ligonier man, who preferred to remain unidentified, said he spotted "six lights, all in a stright line" passing at a slow speed over the Derry Ridge, heading from Greensburg toward Johnstown.

"They weren't flashing lights, they were steady," he said. "and they'd go at a slow speed for a while, then they'd stop, then they'd go again. From the way they were moving I just thought they were helicopters until I read the story about the sightings."

No Close View

The man described them as being "sort of white." But, he admitted that he didn't have binoculars to get a closer view of them.

This area apparently wasn't the only one with sightings reported.

Numerous sightings were called in around the Johnstown area, with most coming from Seward, Coopersdale, Westmont, Walnut Grove, Richland, Scalp Level and Salix.

A newspaper account reported that Johnstown city police received at least four

calls about the objects, and a number of police around the Johnstown area admitted seeing the lights.

A Seward woman reported that she saw four to six lights, flashing in the colors of red, green and white. She said they appeared to come from Blairsville and the Derry Ridge, passed over Seward and continued on to Johnstown.

The woman called her daughter in Johnstown, who admitted spotting the lights herself.

A Johnstown police sergeant admitted to sighting the objects, as did a Westmont policeman, who then called his dispatcher to verify the sighting. According to newspaper reports, the dispatcher spotted them too.

"I don't know what the heck it was," said Withrow over the telephone yesterday. "but it makes me feel better that I wasn't the only one who saw it."

Night watch

TIMES, Raleigh, NC - Oct. 31, 1978

Deputies kept quiet on seeing UFO over Wake

By ROBIN CLARK
Times staff writer

If you saw a strange light bouncing around the sky, would you report it or keep quiet for fear of being laughed at?

ing, spotted an eerie, fast-moving light in the sky. But they decided not to mention it.

UFO-spotters and reported it. So Waller and Young decided it was safe to talk about what they'd seen that clear night.

Waller and Young got out of their car and watched for 10 minutes as the light bounced erratically around the sky before disappearing. There is no government agency that keeps track of UFOs, said Tony Logue, deputy tower director at Raleigh-Durham Airport.

But one night last week the tower received a call from a person who reported seeing a strange object. Logue said the caller was given the number of the National UFO Reporting Cen-

ter, a private research agency in Seattle, Wash. Robert Gribble, who was answering phones at the center today, said the center received no reports from Wake County last week.

Waller said he isn't convinced that the object was a visitor from another planet.

But Young doesn't doubt it. "I believe in them, I really do," he said. "I believe there's something else up there. Why not?"

POST, New York, NY
Nov. 2, 1978

UFO stops by the Park

Central Park is one of New York's biggest tourist attractions — so why shouldn't some visiting Martians want to take a look?

Some 50 people, many of them workers in the Gulf and Western Building on Columbus Circle, reported seeing a silvery, circular reflecting object hovering over the southern end of the park yesterday at twilight.

It didn't stay long, however, and it's not clear what it was.

UFOs still puzzle men 13 months after sighting

By BOB VENTURELLA
News-Herald Feature Editor

Unidentified Flying Object sightings are not all that common in a given area, so when they do occur, particularly in a small town, quite a commotion is stirred up.

Such was the case a little over a year ago when three area men reported sighting a pair of UFOs just east of Barkeyville.

The sighting occurred shortly after 9 p.m. Oct. 5 as three men — Richard Offutt and Jeffrey Pierce of Grove City and Sam Gianetti of New Castle — were traveling in a westerly direction in a truck along a rural road on what they described as a "very clear evening."

As the truck proceeded along the rural road, Offutt claimed he saw two sets of unusual lights in the sky. The lights slowed down, according to Offutt, and almost stopped moving completely.

"They seemed to be hovering and moving very slowly," Pierce added. "We stopped the truck and observed a series of lights along what appeared to be the sides of two objects. We couldn't make out any distinct forms however."

"We shut the engine in the truck off and heard a sound like that made by a diesel engine, only much smoother, like a real low hum. We thought they might be army helicopters, but no helicopters could make the turns they were making."

The two crafts hovered about 800 feet above the ground, about a half mile away from the men, they said. After a few minutes they began to move away, slowly but steadily, according to Pierce.

Gianetti reportedly saw the same lights later that evening, and a large number of area residents claim to have seen a similar manifestation in the sky some months later.

For months the men tried to

find out what exactly it was they had seen, with little success.

Pierce claims federal officials have labeled the sightings as army transport planes, or low-flying aircraft, but he is not convinced that that is what he saw.

The Tri-County UFO Study Group, based in Greensburg, looked into the Barkeyville sightings, and is equally unimpressed with the air transport explanation.

The movements of the crafts sighted by the three men did not seem compatible with air transport movements in their estimation, leading them to question the explanation that has been most frequently proffered.

Meanwhile the men go about their daily routines, unable to do anything more to determine if what they saw were indeed army transports or something far more dramatic, but admittedly less likely.

UFO SIGHTED BY COLUMNISTS

This columnist and mother, Mrs. Ruth M. Dutton of Burnsville, stepped outdoors to our front porch facing South Meadow Circle to view the stars. It was a very clear and starlit night about 10:30 p.m. Stu stated that he would watch television instead.

We 'spotted' a gigantic plane 'hovering' just a bit over the tree tops, less than one short block away! It circled the block in a narrow-oval pattern and approached to within three houses away from our house. It was easily discernible but not identifiable since it was again the size of a 747. We have traveled by plane and without question, this was a piloted plane. Mrs. Dutton has been employed by the Boeing Aircraft Company of Washington and is qualified to recognize planes. I formerly was married to a Boeing Aeronautical Engineer and also qualified to recognize planes!

Upon first seeing the plane, I felt it to be on incursion.

We both felt calm and secure in spite of realizing that in a technical sense, one nation invading another's territory such as an overflight by another nation could be considered an incursion on our airspace.

Five or more rows of watermelon-sized brilliant lights filled the front of the plane's belly. The lights had a magnetic and magnificent intensity, immensely fascinating beyond anyone's comprehension. The lights extended from wing-to-wing.

The huge craft continued its circling oval pattern, retreating a block and returning to within three houses away from our porch. Upon each return, the plane threw on its 'approach' lights.

The lane circled effortlessly for over an hour and departed towards the northwest in a split second. It was only then that we realized WE HAD HEARD NO SOUND during the entire sighting.

No one came into the street to yell in wonderment at the craft because no one HEARD a plane, hovering above their homes! Stu claimed that the plane did not affect his television programs. He stated that he heard no plane or any other disturbances. He had stood in our doorway and when we had requested him to join us to view the UFO, he had said that he would prefer to watch his television programs! He wonders 'WHY' today!

This week we wrote to the Education Center at Appleton, Wisconsin to notify them of our sighting. We saw a UFO!!

STAR-RECORD, Dodge Center, MN - Nov. 2, 1978

UFO Sighting Reported

scribed a sighting very similar to that reported by Mr. and Mrs. Howard, their sons and another person in the Two Mile area.

Cowell said that the "humming noise" is one of the characteristics consistently reported, adding that "the lights seem to change and move around." He also conjectured that "it may be four objects."

A report from Mike Lebbart of the Federal Aviation Administration at Bradford indicated that at 9:15 that evening military aircraft were refueling above this area, but added that they were traveling at about 300 knots at an altitude of between 20,000 and 22,000 feet. Cloud ceiling at the time was 4,100 feet, he added, and ground sightings of any lights above that height would be impossible.

The FAA official added that no neocopters were in the Fort Allegany area that night, as far as he was aware.

the family was aware of any other sightings.

According to Robert Cowell, director of the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research in Irwin, there were numerous calls in northern Pennsylvania last Wednesday night, but the calls had started the previous night near Parkersburg, West Virginia, "and came up through the state."

Reports came in from near DuBois and later near Emporium, earlier last Wednesday evening, and both de-

lights, and at intervals a spotlight shining to the ground.

The Howard family reported sighting red, blue and white lights which seemed to change position and color. Kenneth Howard Jr. described "a noise but it wasn't a roar. It hovered, but there was no noise like a helicopter," he went on. The Howards and sightings came before

Numerous vicinity residents, including the Kenneth Howard family of Two Mile, reported seeing a mysterious hovering aircraft in the evening sky last Wednesday.

The reports coincide with similar sightings across Pennsylvania and even into West Virginia. The various reports seemed to be describing the same hovering aircraft with red and blue

UFOs Seen, Resident Says

Two unidentified flying objects were seen in Jefferson County recently by a woman who described them as "the brightest stars ever seen in the sky."

The woman, a reliable and intelligent source, prefers to remain anonymous but said that her daughter called her outdoors one night around 7:30 to see a weather satellite. When the woman went outside, she looked up and saw a brilliant object moving rapidly in an east to west direction.

Her daughter pointed out the UFO that she had seen originally. Both were identical and travelling at the same rate of speed.

The lights appeared to be about tree top level and occasionally disappeared behind the tree line.

An effort was made to contact a Tallahassee television station and authorities in that area since the

objects were moving in that direction but there was no response.

The family lives in a rural area outside of Monticello.

The incident occurred at 7:30 p.m. around the first week of October.

Following the local sighting, several other area residents have allegedly seen unusual happenings in the sky.

A news report recently told of two women in Dalton, Ga., who had a similar experience.

NEWS, Monticello, FL

Nov. 2, 1978

UFOs sighted at Kalkaska

By KATHLEEN STOCKING

Record-Eagle staff writer

KALKASKA — Two Kalkaska County sheriff deputies and two school teachers say they saw UFOs on Thursday night.

Deputies Mike Maxwell and Chuck Witt say they saw "two objects, spinning, although stationary in the sky with red, green and white lights." Three objects were sighted northeast of the village at 9:01 p.m. Thursday, and one was seen south at 12:40 a.m. Friday, according to the police reports.

Sue Carmine, a 26-year-old science teacher at the Kalkaska High School who has a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a master's from the University of Michigan, says she "doesn't just think she saw a UFO — I know I saw a UFO."

"I'm a science teacher and we've been studying stars and stars don't react like that, with blinking lights — changing from red, to white to green. We had binoculars out and we could really see them," she said.

Carmine said she'd heard about UFOs before but never really believed in them. In fact, when she was alerted

to the phenomenon Thursday night by a student, she didn't even bother to go outside and look for the first 30 minutes.

Carmine was first told about the UFOs by Jody Wilder, 17. She watched them with another teacher, Sue Davis, 27, and a friend Don Strahn, 27. Village Police Chief Melvin Hill said the people who saw the UFOs were "credible witnesses."

Hillis officers reported that witnesses saw "three colored objects moving in a circle. Two objects moved through the sky rapidly — one minute it would be over Traverse City and a split second later it would seem to be over Kalkaska."

Whether the UFOs were from "outer space" or part of government research, Carmine said she couldn't guess. "We watched these 'unidentified flying objects' for about 45 minutes and they were there for a half hour before that," she said.

How did it feel to see something that looked like a real UFO?

"It was sort of eerie," Carmine said, "because we had no rational way to explain it."

When sheriff's deputies said they saw objects in the sky with "red, green and

white lights," officials radioed the Federal Aviation Administration in Traverse City and were advised by the FAA that there were no aircraft known to be in the area.

In the earlier sightings, Betty Binges and her sons Mark, 16, and Tom, 13, of Berrien Springs said they saw several UFOs hovering and shooting strange beams of light near the Cook Nuclear Power Station on Tuesday night.

Spokesmen for the U.S. Coast Guard and the Berrien County Sheriff's Department could not confirm these sightings.

Mrs. Binges and her sons also said a radio carried by one of the boys faded in and out as the objects appeared overhead. She said her sons counted five objects, three on one side and two on the other. Their description of the objects was similar to that given by the Kalkaska witnesses.

A spokesman at the Adler planetarium in Chicago reminds people that "the winter skies are very bright and there are bright planets in the sky right now. Jupiter is very bright and could project red and green lights, and the other bright star is Sirius."

CITIZEN PATRIOT, Jackson, MI - Nov. 2, 1978

Authorities baffled by Jackson UFOs

Those amber lights traveling in pairs over Jackson Wednesday night probably weren't anything unearthly, but nobody knows for sure. And they do qualify as unidentified flying objects.

At least 20 persons reported seeing the lights between 9:30 p.m. and shortly after midnight. Many of the reports came from Bush's Food and Beverage Service, 1233 S. West. Several motorists and customers reported the sightings there.

Among the witnesses were city police officers, who provided some hints as to the origin of the lights.

Officers Tom Williams and David McCullom both had good views of the objects. Williams spotlighted one from his watching post in the parking lot of Cascades Baptist Church, 1012 W. High. And McCullough watched one pass over police headquarters.

According to the police report, amber fragments, as from a flare, were seen dropping from the object. There appeared to be a gas-filled balloon above the light.

But a check with the Flight Service at Reynolds Field showed that no weather balloons would have been in the area. And flight officials couldn't imagine any balloon being launched by responsible authorities with a flare attached. That would be dangerous, since a flare could start a fire.

The only organization known to launch flares in southern lower Michigan is the Michigan Air National Guard, based in Battle Creek.

But officials at the base said today they haven't launched flares for the last two or three years. When they did, it was with parachutes rather than balloons, and it was always done in Grayling during guard exercises.

Pilots were flying last night from the base, and they reported seeing no unusual lights. But, officials said, they would not have reported seeing something unless it struck them as being unusual. If they recognized the objects as weather balloons, no reports would necessarily have been made.

All of the amber objects appeared over Jackson from the southwest over Cascades Falls. Most witnesses said they travelled in pairs in a straight line. Williams estimated their speed at 15 to 20 miles per hour.

There was no sound heard.

One witness reported that one object accelerated at a rapid speed.

Donald L. Bean, director of the Hurst Planetarium, said he wants to get each witness to fill out a questionnaire on the sightings, of which he tries to keep records.

Mysterious sound heard in the night

Seven Columbus youths heard something strange in the night Tuesday. It wasn't a bump — it was a "schshshumpf" in the night.

Hugh Riley, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Riley, and six of his friends were returning from McDonald's after a snack when, while walking along 23rd Street across the street from Alco, the group heard, and saw, the strange schumpf in the night, a sight that sent them dashing home in fear.

According to young Riley, the group saw three simultaneous flashes in the cloudless sky "like lightning, except perfectly straight."

The light flashed across the sky, making the schumpf sound and leaving three trails of smoke, still glowing slightly.

The flashes were high in the sky, about where planes would be, said Riley's, friend Mike Reiser, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Reiser, except. "They were going too fast to be an airplane."

The young men speculated that the strange lights were either a UFO or a comet.

Other youngsters in the group included Mike Bogus, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Bogus; John Liebig, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Liebig; John Liebentritt, 12, son of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Liebentritt; Roger Konwinski, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Konwinski; and Tim Taylor, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Taylor.

TELEGRAM, Columbus, NE - Nov. 10, 1978



The NEWS Photo, Mike Davis

Cathy Wilfong (left), Cindy Bridges near impression left in field.

Was It UFO Or Helicopter?

By MIKE DAVIS
Staff Reporter

GREENFIELD, Ind. — What produced those slow-moving, flashing lights in the early evening sky in Central Indiana last week?

A state trooper says they were from a group of Army helicopters, flying east to west along I-70.

Another report indicates they were from a flight of experimental aircraft.

But Cathy Wilfong and Cindy Bridges, two young women from Northeast Hancock County, are sure the lights were from an unidentified flying object, one they say they observed closely for 12 minutes and which left a 40-foot impression in a soybean field near their homes.

The experience, which scared both women, has not sparked more than a brief investigation by the Hancock County Sheriff's Department, mainly because helicopters were reported by State Police and other sheriff's departments.

It has, however, attracted the interest of the Center for UFO Study in Evanston, Ill.

An investigator for the center, Allan Hendry, visited the Wilfong farm last weekend to collect soil samples and take specimens of the soybean plants, which appear to be blown over. Mrs. Wilfong said he told her they receive 30 to 50 reports of UFO sightings each week — but the Hancock County report is only the second this year that could produce "tangible physical evidence."

The first indication of trouble, Mrs. Wilfong says, came around 7 p.m. last Wednesday when electricity went off in her home. She reset the circuit breaker, only to have the lights go out again minutes later. That happened four or five times before the lights finally

stayed on, about 7:30 p.m.

Later, when she and her sister decided to start a fire in the fireplace, Mrs. Bridges went to get some wood. She got in a camper to back it up . . . and saw bright lights in a bean field near their barn.

"I thought at first an airplane had crashed — it was so big," she said. "But then I realized there was no sound, and I saw that it was a UFO. I started honking the horn for Cathy to come out, and yelling 'UFO, UFO!'"

When her sister did come out, the object seemed to move toward her and both women went back in the house and shut off all the lights.

"By that time, it had gone around to the back of the barn, moving real slow, with no noise. Eventually, it headed out toward the west," Mrs. Wilfong said. In all, they estimated they could see the lights for 40 minutes more.

"We were horrified," Mrs. Wilfong said. "We called everyone we knew, but nobody would listen."

"Something that close — that huge — it's just unbelievable," she said.

During his four to five-hour investigation last weekend, Hendry estimated the winglike object was 140 feet long. A sketch by Mrs. Bridges shows it to be inverted, like a saucer turned over, with lights on the corner and a circular feature in the center.

The impression left in the beans, Hendry told the women, is similar to "saucer nests" reported in Australia and elsewhere, and would indicate the UFO never did touch the ground.

Skeptical law enforcement personnel have said the impression could also have been caused by the downblast from a helicopter's rotors, and one even asked the women how long it took them to flatten out the area like that.

But Mrs. Wilfong said the beans are

not uprooted at all, and the stems are intertwined and matted together.

She also is certain they would have heard noises had the craft been a helicopter.

"We see helicopters out here all the time . . . they fly along the power lines," she said. "You can always hear them coming before you ever see them."

"But there just wasn't any noise this time," she said. "If we hadn't gone outside, we wouldn't have known anything was there."

Spokesmen at National Guard and Army Reserve helicopter fields, near Shelbyville and McCordsville, can't confirm any of their aircraft were flying in that area.

"It's possible . . . we do have a lot of flying on Wednesday nights," said flight instructor Paul Miller. But after a check of the records, he said it wasn't likely any National Guard helicopters were near Greenfield that night.

Though she has received no confirmation from any official sources, Mrs. Wilfong said she still wanted to publicize the incident so others would know she had seen something she couldn't explain.

"Maybe others saw the same thing, or maybe someone has found a 'saucer nest' and didn't know what it was."

"If so, and if they come forward and say something about it, then that makes it worthwhile."

UFO center investigators told the women last weekend it is unlikely the object they saw will ever return, but they say they're still taking no chances.

"I keep the drapes pinned shut on the west windows anyway," Mrs. Wilfong said. "I was too petrified by the whole experience. If it comes back, I want to be the first one to see it . . . not have it out there seeing me!"



SUNDAY MAIL, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

Oct. 8, 1978

UFO sends Evelyn's washer berserk

THE STAR, Sheffield, England
Oct. 5, 1978

By Jan Turner

HOUSEWIFE Evelyn Whitway told today of her strange encounter with a UFO which sent her washing machine berserk.

And two Sheffield school-girls have described how last night they made tape recordings when they saw weird flashing lights over Endcliffe Woods.

The two girls — Diane Bragger and Joanne Richards from Greystones, Sheffield — saw strange lights moving up and down.

They said the lights were accompanied by noises which did not sound like any aeroplane. They tape-recorded the noises.

Mrs. Whitway, of Deerparks Avenue, Parson Cross, has reported three sightings to the British UFO Society.

No wings

All three, she said, were frightening experiences, but the strangest one of all was when her washing machine began acting strangely.

"I've never seen anything like it," she said. "What I saw was a long object like an aeroplane without any wings. It was about the length of two buses and was a silver colour. It was travelling towards Grenoside but making no noise at all.

"As it travelled over our house the washing machine went berserk. Water and blankets in it started spilling all over the floor and there was a terrible mess to clear up."

Mrs. Whitway's first sighting was in January when she saw a large green object with fluorescent lights on it travelling over a nearby park. "It had hundreds of different coloured lights all around and it was flying very low," she said.

Her next encounter with an unidentified flying object was in August. "I saw a bright orange-reddish object that looked like a sort of upturned plate," she said, "and there were green and red lights around it."

A spokesman for RAF Farnborough, near Doncaster, where a number of sightings have been reported, said: "We receive a number of these reports but when they are investigated they often coincide with an aircraft in that area at the time of the sighting."

"The landing lights of aircraft when seen at a distance are often mistaken for UFOs."

Kuwait Forms Panel After UFO Sightings

KUWAIT (AP) — The Kuwait government is setting up a committee to investigate recent reports of unidentified flying objects being sighted over the Persian Gulf city.

Minister of State Abdul Aziz Hussein told reporters the committee will be composed of scientists, civil aviation officials and Interior Ministry representatives.

The most recent UFO report came from a seven-man repair crew at an oil field near the Iraqi border November 10. The crew said "a cylindrical body much resembling a Boeing 747 jumbo jet with a red dome" landed 250 yards from the oil field.

HERALD, Buenos Aires, Argentina - Oct. 3, 1978 CR: J. Thomas

UFO's didn't materialize

Puerto Montt

HUNDREDS of Chileans who flocked to the Tengel Island in the south of Chile were disappointed on Saturday night when their expected encounter with extra-terrestrial beings did not materialize.

Jose Castro, resident of Puerto Montt claimed last week that he had met a crew from a flying saucer on the island last week and that they had agreed to meet him in the same spot last Saturday at 9pm.

The press and radio widely broadcast the news along with a flood of other rumours about recent appearances of unidentified flying objects (UFO).

Hundreds of residents of Puerto Montt went to the supposed encounter but the beings from outer space didn't appear. Jose Castro didn't appear either and at midnight the townspeople returned to Puerto Montt, tired and disillusioned. (UP)

'FLYING SAUCER' AT THE COAST

A RETIRED RAAF officer from Amberley claimed yesterday that he and eight others watched an unidentified flying object for more than two hours during a blackout at the Gold Coast.

"I don't really believe in flying saucers, but I just can't believe it was an aircraft," said former Flight Lieutenant Harold Bradley, 75, of Florida Gardens.

He said he, his wife Mavis, daughter Judith, 40, son-in-law Brian Klerck, 44, grandsons Brett, 11, Paul, 9, a family friend Mrs. Mary Woodall and two unknown young people watched the UFO from 11.30 p.m. to 1.50 a.m. on the night of Friday September 29.

"I have scoffed and laughed about flying saucers until now, but after last Friday I'm not so sure," he said. "I wouldn't like to make any comment about what it might or might not have been, but it did not look like an aircraft of any kind."

Mr. Bradley said he was a former Flight Lieutenant attached to the administrative and special duties section at Amberley RAAF base from 1942 to 1945.

Mrs. Judith Klerck said she first noticed the bright light above and apparently close to the Broadbeach International Hotel, after having gone outside their Eady Avenue home to see the extent of an electricity blackout.

"I said it was awfully low for a plane, and it changed from white to an iridescent green, then red to pink."

"Dad was pretty high up at Amberley and I asked him: 'Dad, what sort of plane do you think that is?'"

"At first, the young bloke took off in fright, thinking I was some sort of a pervert, but when I explained, they got out and watched with us until the police arrived."

"Another bloke in a car I stopped first set his dog on me then said it was a star and drove off."

Mr. Klerck said it surprised him that no one else apparently had seen the strange light.

"We also rang the electricity authorities and were told there had been a failure at Broadbeach and men were working on it."

"By the time police arrived the light had faded quite a lot. They said it looked like a star to them, but it seemed four times brighter than any other star to me."

Mr. Klerck said he also contacted a family friend, Mrs. Mary Woodall, who had told him she also had been watching the light.

A Southport police spokesman said the only relevant report on police records that night referred to the reported sighting of flares at 7.07 p.m., which had been attributed to the fly-past of four RAAF F-111s in Brisbane to mark the Warana festival.

A RAAF spokesman said no RAAF aircraft had been flying in the area between 11.30 p.m. and 1.50 a.m. last Friday week.

Mr. Klerck said: "We are not flying saucer cranks. The sighting has given us all something to think about."

"Five years ago, one night about 8.30 we were travelling towards Lightning Ridge when we saw something in the sky as big as a trotting track."

"It looked like an aircraft, but it was dome shaped."

"There was an orange glow coming from the windows, which were 5 metres apart."

"I was absolutely terrified, but I did what you are supposed to do: I reported it to the police."

"We took the local police sergeant out and he laughed all the way. Then we found a cleared area 500 metres off the road as big as three trotting tracks."

"The sergeant didn't say a word all the way back to town. Then he said: 'I suppose if we can get up there they can get down here.'"

Was this the same UFO?

I RECALL reading in the Gazette about a UFO being seen over Clacton. I might also have some interesting information.

The time was about 6.30pm on Sunday, September 17 and we my dad and I, were travelling home by car through Colchester. When he stopped at the traffic lights near the Albert pub I happened to look into the sky and saw the most amazing sight — a metal, silvery coloured roundish object similar to the description of Mr Wilcox's UFO, but it was shaped at the front more like a melon quarter with a round centre and inlets at each side. It was flying through the sky at a rapid speed when suddenly we went round the roundabout and a large fir or poplar tree barred my view of it and as soon as we had passed it — nothing. Absolutely nothing. But I do know that the object wasn't anywhere near the tree, it was high in the clear blue sky about 600 or 700 yards from it. It disappeared.

Is it not possible that the same UFO as Mr Wilcox saw is travelling over East Anglia?

My dad never saw the object, but I most certainly did. And I am not making anything up because I can remember that object so clearly.

I was wondering if it would be possible for you to give the address of the Essex UFO Study Group as I would like to join it if I could, as I have a great interest in this subject.

Elizabeth Jones (15), Gorse Cottage, 21 Gorse Way, Jaywick.

● The name and address of the person to contact over UFO sightings is Mr Bill Eden, 78 Marcom Road, Chelmsford, telephone 0245 53376.

EAST ESSEX GAZETTE, Clacton-on-Sea, England - Oct. 13, 1978

HERALD, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Oct. 3, 1978

A TOWN SCARED BY LIGHTS

BRISBANE. — The residents of a small town in western Queensland have appealed for outside help to identify "strange lights in the sky."

Some of the 3000 residents of St George, 525 kms west of Brisbane, today told of having been scared by the lights which appeared to follow their cars.

About a dozen residents have reported having seen the lights.

The reports say the lights are of an orange color, but can change to red and green.

They make no noise and are definitely not from an aircraft, the residents said today.

Paul Groves, 17, was with a group of youths, who saw one of the lights.

"We were driving along near the Balonne River, about 7 p.m. when one of my mates pointed to this big light in the air," he said.

"We stopped and turned the car lights out. It was changing colors, from orange to red and then to green," he said.

Paul said the group returned later to the spot with his father, Mr Dave Groves, and again saw the light "bobbing up in the trees."

INDEPENDENT, Perth, W.A., Australia - Oct. 8, 1978

Cape Lambert UFO sightings

MORE than 20 people have sighted unidentified flying objects in the Cape Lambert area.

Three men on a workboat reported seeing a light resembling a red flare. This was corroborated by the Cape Lambert Marine Department's general foreman, Herman Goldner. The second incident involved a mass sighting of a UFO by more than 20 people on August 30.

A number of people filed official reports to the Royal Australian Air Force following the second sighting. Only explanation they could offer was that a satellite had re-entered the earth's atmosphere.

That explanation however does not satisfy Mrs Vi Garvin who sighted the

object on August 30.

"When I first saw the object, I thought I was seeing the cabin lights of a light aircraft. After moving horizontally for several minutes, however, the light commenced to descend vertically before going out of sight, making me think I was seeing a helicopter land," she said today.

Thousands of miles south of Cape Lambert, a young Albany man believes he may have accidentally found an area in Nanarup where an unidentified flying object has landed.

Glen Tysoe, 21, found a perfectly circular, burnt out section of grass, with a diameter of about 4 metres.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR
Nov. 24, 1978

"SPACE VISITORS IN E CAPE"

REPORTS of eerie sightings of what appeared to be a UFO and of strange beings who moved by gliding over the ground, and the finding of mysterious tracks in the remote Groendal Wilderness area near Uitenhage, have led to a buzz of speculation that the region has been visited by cosmonauts from outer space.

Investigation of the reports, which at first appeared to be fantastic, suggests that they cannot be casually dismissed.

Extra credence is led to the reports by the fact that they do not come from one person but from several different sources, including four schoolboys, a forest ranger and experienced bush trackers.

The schoolboys told this week how they saw three "bright silver beings from outer space" gliding through the bush near Uitenhage.

The strange sighting took place in the Groendal Wilderness Reserve outside Uitenhage.

And there is evidence to support their claims.

● Mysterious tracks were found by responsible bush trackers in the vicinity of the sighting.

● At least one other person has seen a "green saucer shaped" light over the same area.

● At least one other person has followed a "strange light" in the area of the reserve.

● Independent reports of strange lights in the sky over Port Elizabeth were made to the Evening Post recently.

The boys, Peter Simpson, 16, Jannie Bezuidenhout, 15, Joe Perino, 13, and Hugo Ferreira, 12, all of Despatch.

"They didn't move like men... almost as if they were moving on trolleys. They seemed to glide along, shining brightly in the sun. They were dressed all in silver — and even the face of one, when he turned towards us, appeared to be of silver."

Report: KEITH ROSS
Pictures: EVERT SMITH

were hiking in the reserve when they saw the figures.

Their sighting in this wild domain of buck, baboon and leopard comes at a time when unidentified flying objects have been reported over Port Elizabeth, Uppington and Somerset West.

"We were standing on a hill when we saw two 'men' dressed entirely in bright silver move out of the bush on the opposite side of the valley," said Peter.

"Then they were joined by a third 'man'."

"At first we thought they might be firemen dressed in special suits. But then we saw they did not move like men. They didn't bend forward as they moved up the hill."

"And they went up the hill with more speed than their movements suggested — almost as though they were moving on trolleys."

"They seemed to glide along, shining brightly in the sun."

"One of them turned towards us as they went over a fence, and even his face seemed to be silver."

"I also noticed that they didn't move their arms as they walked."

Peter said the figures moved rapidly — with little apparent leg movement — to the top of the hill and disappeared.

The boys went to the home of the official in charge of the reserve, Mr D. P. Zeelie, to report what they had seen.

Mr Zeelie, after closely questioning all four boys, said he believed they had seen "something strange".

Faced with scepticism from people they told of their experience, the boys decided not to report the incident to the police.

But scepticism turned to bewilderment the next day when three forestry workers reported finding strange footprints about two kilometres from where the boys spotted the silver figures.

The prints were oval shaped and about 18cm long.

All three workers, veterans of the bush, said they had never seen tracks anything like those.

The boys' story of the strange figures brought to mind an incident that took place almost a year ago.

Last November Johan Kleynhans, then 18, left his home in the Groendal Valley and did not return that night. His parents, Mr and Mrs E. P. Kleynhans, reported his disappearance to the police.

But Johan reappeared at 8am the next day, exhausted.

He told of how he spent the night following a strange light.

Rays from the light seemed to draw him on, but each time he approached it withdrew from him. He felt a compulsion to follow it.

Johan's parents disbelieved him, believing he was the victim of delusions.

But one man, Mr Zeelie, did believe him. Mr Zeelie had seen the "light" three months before Johan followed it.

One day at about noon Mr Zeelie was in the reserve when he saw a strange, green, saucer-shaped light in the sky.

The light moved slowly across the sky till it disappeared behind the mountains.

MIRROR, London, England

Nov. 20, 1978 CR: S. Kellard

Heavens above! Flying coffins

PULSATING coffin-shaped objects are puzzling people in Worksop, Notts.

They appear in the sky at night, and nobody knows what they are.

Jackie Evans, 18, of the Carlton Tavern, didn't tell anyone when she first saw them. "I knew no-

one would believe me," she explained.

But her grandfather, retired licensee Harry Clark, 75, has since watched the mystery objects for two hours.

Similar sights have been seen at night by Worksop bookshop owner John Wright.

HERALD-WHIG, Quincy, IL - Nov. 28, 1978
CR: J. Brill

UFOs sighted in Mexico

GUADALAJARA, Mexico (UPI) — Two objects described as luminous flying saucers were reported by residents and a police officer near Guadalajara, authorities said Monday.

Authorities said one of the unidentified flying objects hovered about 30 feet over the patrol car of policeman Francisco Diaz Cortes and emitted a red light that turned on the car's siren and made it spin around.

The policeman said the UFO then descended rapidly behind some nearby hills and when he gave chase he found another flying object.

The police said they fired on the UFOs, both of which took off after rapidly emitting red light. Neither apparently was hit by the shots.

Half a dozen UFOs are reported by researchers



This 10-minute exposure photo taken by Tom Grey and Lake Ontario. The photo is one of eight taken Saturday night using a 135 mm lens mounted on a tripod with the Malcolm Williams of the Northeastern UFO Organization shows what they say are two UFOs zapping across the sky.

JOURNAL-RECORD, Oakville, Ontario, Canada - Oct. 25, 1978

Meanwhile, Mr. Grey said his organization received a report Oct. 17 from two women on Winston Churchill Boulevard and Highway Five who said a cigar-shaped craft shot a beam of light down on them that almost made their hair stand on end.

The previous Sunday, elliptical objects were reported hovering over Lake Ontario and mid-Toronto by another source (There is a published theory that a UFO base exists beneath Lake Ontario).

Mr. Grey also received a call yesterday from three witnesses who said a blurry orange, brilliantly lit object shaped like a child's spinning top hovered over their car in the Sheppard Avenue area of Toronto Friday night for about a block before vanishing. This object was described as being about 15 feet in length and 12 feet high.

Mr. Grey said he and his associate Malcolm Williams were watching the CN Tower and surrounding area when two UFOs dashed out of the sky above Lake Ontario, which Mr. Grey predicts will increase in the coming months.

CR: G. Duplantier



Groendal Reserve workers (from left) Mr ALFRED POPE, Mr CEDRIC KAPTEIN and Mr WILLIAM FIVE... they found strange, oval-shaped footprints like this in the sand.

Sunset UFO

LISBON — Portuguese newspapers yesterday published photographs of what they called a mysterious unidentified flying object which appeared over Lisbon at sunset.

Hundreds of people telephoned newspapers and radio stations with reports of an orange, cigar-shaped, luminous object visible for about five minutes.

Nov. 23, 1978

CR: J. Brill

By ANN HAUPRICH-NIELSEN

Half a dozen saucer-shaped unidentified flying objects (UFOs) were observed shooting back and forth from Oshawa to Oakville by two UFO researchers at Niagara-On-The-Lake Saturday night.

According to Tom Grey of the Northeastern UFO Organization, the objects emitted brilliant orange lights and were in full view along the Toronto skyline from 8:15 to 10:15 p.m.

It was better than any CNE air show, said Mr. Grey of the "dazzling display" of lights in action. He estimates the objects must have been between 60 and 100 feet in diameter since they could be seen without binoculars 17 feet across the lake.

Mr. Grey said he and his associate Malcolm Williams were watching the CN Tower and surrounding area when two UFOs dashed out of the sky above Lake Ontario, which Mr. Grey predicts will increase in the coming months.

Mr. Grey said most of the objects would remain stationary for 10 to 15 minutes before "zapping" off at an unbelievable speed, he said the UFOs all blinked out of sight whenever airplanes approached the vicinity.

Mr. Grey and Mr. Williams took eight 10-

UFO Caused Siberia Blast, Red Says

MOSCOW (AP) — A cataclysmic explosion that scarred a vast area of Siberia 70 years ago and has baffled scientists ever since may have been caused by a flying saucer, a respected Russian astronomer says.

The explosion, known as the "Tunguska Mystery," devastated a remote forest region in central Siberia June 30, 1908. It leveled trees over a 1,250-square-mile area and was followed by intense radiation and a great fire.

A score of scientific expeditions to the area and dozens of scientific research papers have put forth theories ranging from the crash of a meteorite or comet to the collision of a "black hole" with the earth. "Black holes" are supposedly the remains of collapsed stars.

All these theories are discounted for various reasons, however, and now for the first time a serious scientist, astronomer Felix Zigel of the Moscow

Aviation Institute, has proposed that the answer to the mystery is an "extraterrestrial probe," the explosion of a flying saucer.

'More Confirmation'

"The more we know of the Tunguska catastrophe, the more confirmation we find of the fact that the unidentified flying object which exploded over the forest in 1908 was an extraterrestrial probe," Zigel said Saturday in an interview with the official Soviet news agency Tass.

Zigel based his theory in part on the fact that scientists have determined that the object flew in an "enormous loop," first northward then westward, before crashing — a trajectory that apparently cannot be explained by any natural phenomenon.

He also supports his theory with data showing that the explosion deposited a high quantity of zinc, bromine, sodium, iron, lead and "other elements

that are completely atypical of comet nuclei but are quite possible for artificial structures."

Tass says the most recent Tunguska expedition, last summer, turned up more evidence arguing against natural explanations for the disaster. Researcher Alexei Zolotov of Kalinin, who led the party, found insect and plant mutations and other effects pointing to an artificial "residual biophysical field."

'Space Visitors'

In putting forward his "space visitors" theory, Zigel said that "further research may shed light on the design of the apparatus and possibly on the causes of the explosion."

Zigel's statements are good news to the many Russian believers in flying-saucer theories.

These enthusiasts attend unofficial lectures, pass underground theses from hand to hand and share the always-unconfirmed gossip by word of mouth.

The popularity of their private theories can be gauged by the periodic rebuttals in the official press of what was once called, in the youth newspaper *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, "flirtations with superstitions and religious impulses manipulated indirectly by the Pentagon."

Supposed Sightings

The specifics of some of the 300 supposed UFO sightings in the Soviet Union over the years are included in a report purportedly based on a lecture given last year by Zigel and distributed in underground reprints.

Among those described were a UFO that reportedly hovered for 36 hours over the southern Russian city of Nalchik, one that reportedly followed an airliner and one that was reported to have caused automobiles to stall at a railroad crossing at Golsyno, 28 miles west of Moscow.

Doctor reports UFO

Santa Fe the strange object.

A doctor and two farmers reported seeing what looked like a "flying saucer" last Sunday near the Salado river, about 140 kilometres from this city.

The doctor said he was travelling in his car with members of his family when, just about sunset, near a ploughed field they saw a strange object, about two metres in diameter, hovering just above the ground. It appeared to be flashing lights in the lower part. Dr. Alberto Rosello said that when he got near it, the unidentified flying object (UFO) rose suddenly and rapidly disappeared.

Shortly after Dr Rosello had reported the matter to the local police, two farmers who had been working in the vicinity also reported seeing

Reports from Rosario de Santa Fe say that 40 people saw an UFO over the grounds of the local rowing club at Casilda, near the Carraha river. (NA)

Close encounters of the Latin kind

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Carlos Acevedo and Angel Moya told it this way:

It was 4:30 a.m., Sept. 23, and they were on the flat pampas south of Buenos Aires, stragglers on the final leg of a 39-day stock car race.

Suddenly they noticed a yellow and violet light shining in their rear-view mirror. It approached too fast to be a competitor.

Then a strange force shut off the engine and headlights of their Citroen CG, lifted it 15 feet off the road, then set it down a minute later and 75 miles north. The force also drained the car's gasoline tank. That's the way Carlos Acevedo and Angel Moya told it.

Businessman Alejandro Hernandez recalled it like this: Driving in southern Chile on Sept. 24, he spotted a huge saucer overhead. The saucer hovered over his car and swallowed it. Inside, he said, five bulky figures stuffed his 13-year-old son into a box while a sixth interviewed Hernandez in a metallic voice. Witnesses reported watching the car, with frightened father and son inside, descend to the road afterward.

A month earlier, bank manager Serrano Silva reported a flying object buzzed his car on the highway between Tunja and Bogota, Colombia. The car's engine and

headlights died, and the banker said he and his passenger, a navy officer, suffered temporary paralysis.

In a region fascinated by strange occurrences, these stories made front page headlines and the cover of a serious news magazine.

According to an Associated Press survey, such UFO yarns get frequent and widespread public attention in Argentina, Chile, Peru, Brazil, Uruguay and Colombia.

In Grenada, UFOs are a personal concern of Prime Minister Eric Gairy, who had them put on the Caribbean island's postage stamps.

Reports of UFO sightings even draw crowds. For instance, travelers gathered at Chilca on the Pan American Highway in Peru to gaze at the sky where a squadron of 30 to 40 flying saucers was recently reported.

Hundreds invited by radio to meet an outer space visitor drove to Chile's Tengel Island one night in September, only to learn the whole thing was a hoax.

Here in Argentina — which leads the world in UFO sightings, according to a NASA tally — extraterrestrial visitors are part of the national folklore, thanks to dozens of such wellpublicized tales as these:

—Six fishermen in San Luis Province

last Feb. 4 saw a saucer light up the predawn sky. A towering figure in a silver jumpsuit climbed down a ladder, waved, returned to the saucer and sped away. Police found huge footprints, five feet apart, at the scene.

A flying object hovered over a train station in San Juan one night in July and lit up the place like day. Dozens of frightened stray dogs and cats took refuge in the building and the station chief suffered a nervous collapse.

An oval-shaped translucent object, ringed by a halo of light, flew silently over the Andes mountains in Neuquen Province on Aug. 22. Descriptions along its 300-mile path were so numerous and consistent that the UFO landed on covers of two national news magazines.

Argentina's highly literate population seems ready for the "invasion." Books like "Chariot of the Gods" and "The History of Flying Saucers in Argentina" have sold briskly, and a 424-page textbook on "Extraterrestrial Science" is being offered to Argentine secondary schools. The movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" just ended a profitable 15-week run here.

"When people continuously contemplate such films, television shows, magazines and books, then UFOs, flying saucers and green men become so natural that finally they are perceived in the world that surrounds us," wrote Gregorio Klimovsky in

a special section of the Buenos Aires newspaper Clarin analyzing the UFO phenomenon.

Vlado Kapetanovich, a Peruvian engineer who says he met spacemen while building a dam, put himself under psychiatric analysis to dispel his own doubts before writing a book about the encounter. When it was published his daughter had him committed to an asylum, but he talked his way out and his book became a best seller in Peru.

Grenada Prime Minister Gairy has a harder time with skeptics. His recent demand for a U.N. investigation of UFOs was ridiculed by the island's newspapers. One cartoon showed him on a mountain gazing at flying saucers while his people suffered in squalor below.

While Yaqui Indians in northeast Mexico curse extraterrestrial intruders for their woes, most Latin believers say the "visitors" are benevolent explorers or peacemakers. Sergio Lemos, a Rio de Janeiro schoolteacher, says he was told by a "UFO Commander Akilovan" that his mission was to prevent nuclear holocaust.

"They have vested interest in averting a nuclear war on earth, as this would blow the planet apart and alter the cosmos," said Ariel Rietti, head of Argentina's UFO Observatory Commission. "They have come here to see how their security is related to our stupidity."

'The straightest guy around'

By JEFF WELLS

On the deserted street of Apollo Bay at high noon it was a strange encounter of the word kind.

The word was "rumor" and it was being spat from the mouth of a wild-eyed young man talking murder. The scene was yet another bizarre turn in the case of Fred Valentich, the missing pilot in the Bass Strait UFO case.

"If I find out who started this rumor I'll shoot the bastard down from the front seat of his Holden 'sin bin' to confront me."

Apollo Bay was so quiet that the Starship Enterprise could probably have landed on the roof of the pub unnoticed by the residents.

About the only people to be seen were the agitated young man and his friend and a gaggle of reporters and photographers who had drifted down from Melbourne to check out the rumor that Fred Valentich had fooled everybody and was holed up in a motel.

If that camera goes off again I'll ram it down your neck. I ought to shoot you bastards now — you probably started this rumor," said the young man.

It has been written (by Flautus) that there is nothing amongst mankind more common than a rumor.

This was begun around 7 pm on Thursday when an anonymous man began phoning newspapers, and TV and radio stations.

When he had calmed down the young man explained that he heard it on the radio and that within two hours with the engine of his car boiling, he and his friend had arrived in Apollo Bay.

He said that like most of Valentich's friends, who believe him to be "the straightest guy around," he is desperate and confused.

His story became rambling and

disjointed as he talked — having forgotten for the moment his desire to shoot somebody.

He said Valentich's 16-year-old girlfriend Rhonda Rushon had been with them in Apollo Bay but had left, "cracked up something chronic."

[Police later said two young friends of Valentich had been seen with a teenage girl asking questions in motels in the town on Thursday night.]

"But we know Fred is alive," the young man said. "He's up in the hills but we can't get to him."

Then, without prompting, he said: "It's nothing to do with Fred flying drugs. Fred hates drugs — I saw him flatten a bloke once just because the bloke offered him drugs."

He said he and his friend had tried to persuade local pilots to take them on a search of the Orway Ranges behind Apollo Bay but yesterday's conditions were too bad.

He said the focus of the hopes of Valentich's friends is now on these hills — they believe he may have somehow landed his plane there and has been unable to find his way out of the thick forest.

"Once we get one thing concrete this town will be swarming with Fred's friends," he said.

When pressed for his name and for concrete reasons why Valentich would be in the area, the young man backed off and started to talk about the hunting rifles in his car.

Sergeant B. C. Klemm of the Apollo Bay police said the first he heard of the rumor about Valentich was a call from the Mike Willesee Show.

"The hills have not been searched. Local pilots will go up when the weather clears, but we have no evidence that he is there," he said.

There are old abandoned logging towns up there you can't even get to — it could take days for a man to get out of there even if he could survive a plane crash."

Another strange object has been sighted in the Uitenhage area. A Uitenhage businessman has reported seeing a strange silver object "gliding across the top of thick bush" near Despatch.

Mr Gabriel Demetriades saw the object while driving between Uitenhage and Port Elizabeth on Sunday.

At about 2pm he saw what he at first thought was the top of a car driving through the bush.

Then he realised there was no road through that part of the bush.

He watched as the object glided across the bush and disappeared over a hill.

POST, Port Elizabeth, South Africa - Nov. 22, 1978 CR: J. Brill

'Silver' object spotted

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TRANSLATIONS—Credit: Jane Thomas

City and country of incident: Rio de Janeiro, Belo Horizonte highway, Brazil
Date of incident: January 21, 1976
Name of paper and date of clip: La Nueva Provincia, Sept. 17, 1978
City and country of paper: Bahfa Blanca, Buenos Aires province, Argentina;

Day after day news and stories related to the presence of extraterrestrials in this world are more surprising. This is one more of them and it does nothing but open new question marks, but which may some time be answered.

At the time when the American science-fiction film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" fills movies in Brazil and the world, a flying saucer story has shaken public opinion. It refers to a couple, some 30 years old, Erminio Reis and his wife Bianca, who told it on a widely seen TV program. The couple replied to the reporter's questions revealing the extraordinary adventure it experienced two and a half years ago.

Why did they not disclose it sooner? Simply because Brazilian and American researchers, who keep in touch with the couple, did not wish it to be divulged and because, besides, the two heroes of this extraordinary story have never sought publicity.

A GREAT SCARE

It was January 21, 1976, towards 11.30 pm, when it all began. "We went along the Rio de Janeiro-Belo Horizonte highway, a short distance from the little town called Matias-Barbosa, when I started to feel sleepy - explains Erminio. I stopped the car on the shoulder of the road, put my arms over the wheel and fell asleep with the idea of continuing a little later". "Some minutes passed - continues his wife Bianca, a quiet-voiced brunette. There was total silence. A bluish light started to illuminate the landscape and I thought a truck or a bus with very strong lights was approaching. Suddenly, the light turned much more intense. I realized it grew even more, but vertically, and thought a plane would crash against us. I let out a scream waking my husband, but had no time to say anything. Our "Volkswagen" was absorbed as if through a chimney. We were in a kind of circular garage intensely lighted", she says.

Her husband, round-faced and with still enough hair to hide his incipient baldness, adds. "In fact, I had the impression I was dreaming and that I was inside a giant lamp. I was completely unaware that we were inside a flying saucer. Personally, I did not believe in them, and the question did not interest me".

A kind of skylight opened up on the ceiling and two men slid to were we were - explains Bianca. They were dark, approximately two meters tall. They approached the car and examined it carefully, signalling us to get out. I was paralyzed and remained quiet in the seat. One of them seemed to get nervous. I tried to open the door but could not, our car is not new and the lock has to be forced a little to open it. I was upset. Outside, the man looked at us in a strange way. Leaning over, my husband pushed the door, which opened", tells Bianca very calmly.

"I AM CALLED KAREN"

Bianca Reis and her husband answer all the questions without worrying or "tripping". Their sincerity seems complete.

"When I left the car, the ground seemed to move. I felt as if drunk without having had anything to drink. Scared, I screamed for them to tell me what they wanted".

"It is a mistake. It is a mistake... said Erminio, recovered from his surprise. But the men talked in a strange language. One of them put the foot on a button which was almost invisible on the metallic floor. A sound was heard and a staircase appeared. We went to the upper compartment, it was also a very large room, but with instruments. One of the strangers gave us some headsets, put a pair over his ears himself and plugged them into a kind of computer. He moved them quickly and we then heard his voice, which told us in portuguese: "My name is Karen, calm down...".

The woman has to pass through a series of examinations of the skin, ear and sight. Then they invited her to enter into a device that had the form of a box which turned red like a grill. Inside, a kind of electroshock made her lose consciousness for a moment. Recovered, they made her sit on a multivalent piece of furniture made of a strange material which took on the form of the body and could be converted into a table, chair or bed. They then made the couple drink a green liquor, of a not very nice taste, where it seemed sugar and iodine had been mixed. Then other members of the group arrived, among them a woman, also very tall and with dark hair and clear eyes.

"IN OUR WORLD"

"We also perform medical research -explained Karen. Old age continues being an illness, but we have been able to conquer it. In our world death does not exist".

"Do not talk about what has happened to you, you will be taken for mad -he said. "If you wish, we have a method to erase memories".

The couple prefers to assume its "madness". But stranger still, Bianca claims still being in contact with Karen. This thanks to a minuscule device for measuring mental waves. It is not telepathy, but science. "Only they can communicate with me".

Thus, a second encounter occurred of which two researchers were witnesses, but also specialists of the Army and an American officer. It seems Bianca received a serious revelation but her telling the public is completely forbidden... Fiction or reality?

- 1) City and country of Incident: Santiago, Chile
- 2) Date of incident: Sept. 24, 1978
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, Sept. 28, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

THE CHILEAN WHO ALLEGES HAVING BEEN ABDUCTED TOGETHER WITH HIS SON BY A UFO CREW CLAIMS THEY WERE TERRESTRIAL BEINGS

Santiago, Chile (Latin) - Alejandro Hernández Pérez, who claimed having been abducted last Sunday by a UFO while driving in his car in the outskirts of this capital, maintaining a conversation with its crew, stated here that those beings are terrestrial and do not come from another galaxy as might be inferred.

Hernández was interviewed by the press, radio and Chilean TV, but did not provide new data on the conversation he had with the unknown beings, and a version of which he handed over to the paper "Las Últimas Noticias", always avoiding to reveal a secret that was entrusted to him. He did say that after being more at ease, through an extensive meditation and analysis, he reached the conclusion that he had been with terrestrial beings, maybe belonging to a very civilized country which has reached the incredible capacity of developing such a craft. "Their full command of the language, their firm and steady voice, although with a metallic sound -like that of a speaker talking through a microphone- and even the subject of our conversation, which I may not reveal, gave me the sensation I was with someone that is as human as ourselves", he stated. He explained that not having a scientific base, only the experience gone through at that time, it is difficult for him to believe they come from somewhere else. He also stated that the subject of the conversation, which he was asked not to reveal until a new encounter which will take place very soon, at no time referred to threatening or warlike situation. "It was something rather spiritual", said Alejandro Hernández, admitting he had not talked much during that unusual contact inside the craft. He recalled that he had a commitment "which he would break under no circumstance". I am not a timid man, but I respect the unknown and also fear it somewhat. I am a father of four children, have a wife and a mother, and know I am necessary to my family", he ended. (This sounds as if he was threatened - J.T.)

- 1) City and country of Incident: Bahfa Blanca, Buenos Aires prov., Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: ?
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, Sept. 28, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

MORE FLYING SAUCERS IN BAHIA BLANCA

In an episode which on account of its being repetitive is almost commonplace, at least twelve people saw UFOs in Bahfa Blanca. The descriptions are similar to previous ones in that they deal with very mobile and luminous elements, which in some cases are blinding. On the other hand, there are new testimonies on the UFO which lifted and carried for tens of kilometers the Chilean drivers who participated in the recent International rally. An assistant police inspector of Pedro Luro, in the southern part of the Buenos Aires province, claimed that both drivers were in a terrible emotional state, similar to that of someone who has run someone over along the route, and emphasized they had not been drinking. It was meanwhile disclosed that two months ago another strange metallic object appeared in the same area, with intermittent lights and illuminated windows. Two men, one of them called Verón, tried to approach it but remained as "glued" to the spot. No trace was found on the terrain which was subsequently plowed.

Bahfa Blanca - At least twelve people sighted UFOs in this city, some of them stopping their cars in the nearby routes to better view this already reiterative phenomenon. Héctor Ponzonei, owner of a workshop located at Colón 1700 saw together with neighbors, a luminous object in the sky which was hovering, and which at times seemed to rhythmically increase and contract its size. This also attracted the attention of other local residents -among them an engineer and an industrialist- who on seeing that the luminosity started to move and seemed to descend, could not hide their surprise. The object being "hidden" by trees and buildings, they took a car and went to the end of that avenue, out on the route, where they encountered the occupants of another car who were witnessing the spectacle being offered at that time by two luminous objects that descended over the horizon. But that was not all. Ponzonei and his wife, apart from his neighbors, remained some 20 minutes watching the motion of those strange lights which, apparently, settled at ground level and "faded", to lighten up again and rise, then settling down again. They stated they counted up to three objects and then a fourth one. At the other end of the city, in the northern sector over the De Mayo park, several neighbors of the Comahue district saw a light with a violaceous edge, and an intense and blinding white light on its upper part. In addition to all this, in Pedro Luro, in the southern part of Buenos Aires province, new testimonies were obtained on the presence of a UFO which lifted and carried for tens of kilometers, right on national route #3, Chilean drivers Carlos Acevedo and Miguel Angel Hoya, who were taking part in the recent International driving rally. Officer inspector Jorge Osimi, who has been in charge of the local police station for more than three years, remembers Acevedo's face when he went to the gas station, very early last Saturday. After the sportsmen's account, he described both their emotional state as terrible, which obliged him to enormous efforts in order to calm them down. He said Acevedo was in a real state of shock and his companion was speechless, very scared. He compared them to those who, in charge of a car, run someone down on the route and don't know where to go or what to do. Osimi confirmed that the Chilean drivers had had nothing to drink. Also, a new event was known in that region related to this subject, an episode that happened some two months ago in the Santa Juana ranch located 25 km from Pedro Luro. One of the protagonists, called Verón, together with another member of the establishment, saw "some lights" through the window of the house they occupy in the middle of the field. They at first estimated that it belonged to poachers. They left the house with a flashlight, a knife and a rifle, and on seeing that the lights had increased in size, believed it was a truck loading cattle. They approached the lights and verified it was a metallic object with two intermittent lights, as if turning, on its upper part. Further down illuminated portholes could be seen, although not so intensely, although the whole presented an intense luminosity. Amazed, Verón and his companions remained some 60 meters from that object, feeling as if they could not advance further. A little nearby wood was completely illuminated by the object. Not a sound was heard, nor an engine, nothing. The observers estimated that the object had not landed. Other neighbors recounted afterwards they had seen the motions of two objects, one of which, emitting something like vapour, had descended, and then disappeared. It did not lift off nor did it go away. It simply vanished, according to the account obtained now in that area. No trace could be observed on the ground which was ploughed the following day.

- 1) City and country of Incident: Las Salinas, Tucumán province, and Bahfa Blanca, Bahfa Blanca, Tucumán, Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: Around mid-August (P.Luro case) - unknown, in Sept.
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Sept. 29, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

MARTIANS IN TUCUMAN

An Incredible Experience

San Miguel de Tucumán, 28 (From our correspondent) - Overcome by fear of something they cannot understand and which for them acquires supernatural features, the residents of Las Salinas, a locality that lies only 22 km from this capital, prefer to avoid visitors interested in learning something about two antropomorphic extraterrestrial beings who, as is claimed, were in the Carbajal's grocery's shop. However, some take the risk and state: "The martians were here. They were looking for something, they wanted something, and they won't stop until they get it".

It is different with the direct protagonists of the strange event. "They saw the humanoids", and "that is why they are condemned", according to an old neighbor of the place, who believes in spirits and apparitions.

The stage of the events, in this quiet town dedicated to the growth of sugar cane and the production of citrus, was the general store of Manuel V. Carbajal, who was that day in this capital visiting some relatives with his wife. In one room of the house were the couple's son Miguel Angel Carbajal, 15; the shop's employee Miguel Ledesma, 23 and José Contreras, an invalid who definitely refuses to talk, but who confirms his friends' statements. They were watching a film on TV when, according to Miguel Angel, "the image on the screen started to grow smaller, as when tension falls and there is a lack of electricity".

* In the Store

It was 16.40. "It was then when we heard a noise coming from the store - continues the boy-. We went there with Ledesma and met two short men, dressed in brilliant blue tight fitting suits. They were holding a kind of weapon similar to a hair drier. Their faces were unpleasant, like pockmarked, and they wore a kind of brilliant object on the same level as the ears. We got very scared, but went towards them. Although they did not speak, we understood they wanted to take me. I then got hold of a wooden cudgel, ready not to let them take me. They tried to quieten me, always without speaking, and I understood they were telling me, "We will take you to the saucer but nothing will happen to you". Meanwhile, they appeared and disappeared from one place to the other inside the shop, where several objects were hanging. They did not try to attack us and we only threw a cigarette box at them".

"We suddenly felt much fear -adds Miguel Angel- and ran towards the room where Contreras was to take him out on the street. We closed everything with them inside. We took the pickup and went to the city to tell my father. When we returned to the store there was no one inside, but the doors remained closed like we had left them. The martians were gone. I am afraid now, because maybe they come back any time and carry out their intention of taking me".

Some weeks ago the zone was illuminated near midnight by a strange and intense luminosity, whose source has not yet been explained. Neighbors assure that Miguel Angel and his friend are truthful. Everybody turns in early, as if afraid that the event should be repeated. It was in due course reported to the local police. Will Miguel Angel make a trip to the stars? (Note: Private sources have informed this case is quite doubtful - J.T.)

- In Bahfa: It was a very luminous UFO
Bahfa Blanca, 28 (From our correspondent) - Two rural workers of the Pedro Luro area reported seeing one night in the field where they work, a strange, very illuminated craft which shape they could not exactly define, in spite of having approached to only 60m. The event occurred "some 45 days ago" and the account was published today by the "La Nueva Provincia" paper.

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The two workers, one called Verón, stated that around 1900 they saw from the window of their room "a series of lights out in the field" and thought there could be poachers. Armed with a knife and a rifle they walked towards the illuminated area: "While we were approaching it seemed to us it was a cattle truck but when we were 60 meter away we were faced with a metallic object which had two intense intermittent lights, as if turning. On the upper part a kind of cable could be seen, like those on planes. Also, a series of lighted windows, although not so intensely lit, but the whole was very luminous".

Both witnesses "felt nothing, no noise, no engine", and stated that a small white wood "remained illuminated as in daylight" when the strange craft disappeared "without a trace".

The version seems partly confirmed by other local witnesses' testimonies who saw "the motions of two objects", one of which descended and seemed to give off vapour. They heard no engine noise either. The next day the place was plowed and no trace was found.

"La Nueva Provincia" adds to the information that many truckers traveling along route 3, between Viedma and Bahía Blanca "claimed having seen lights moving in the sky".

*Like Seven Footballs

San Juan, 28 (From our correspondent) - Seven luminous objects the size of a football were seen yesterday by a group of workers in a gravel pit in the Rawson department. They gave off intense lights and moved for some 20 minutes. The event occurred at 0200 am.

The workers are: Francisco Cortez, Enrique Maritello, Carlos Flores, Elío Domínguez and Miguel A. Belli. They stated the objects moved in perfect formation and remained hovering for a time, "fully illuminating the area". The light was blinding, they said.

- 1) City and country of incident: Route #147 from San Juan to San Luis Prov. Mar del Plata (Bs.As. prov.), Argentina
- 2) Dates of incidents: Aug. 31 and Sept. 28, 1978 resp.
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Oct. 1, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFOS EVEN SHOW UP UNDER THE BEDS

San Juan, 1st (From our correspondent) - For four hours a UFO fleet flew over a truck that rode along a desolated region some 140 km from this capital, according to the driver and his companion, who were very scared and had very strange experiences, while the spectacular astral show lasted among the mountainous peaks.

Nazareno de Cesare and Giglio Martín were riding in a truck along route #147 that links San Juan with San Luis provinces, bound to the Camarico camps the night of Aug. 31st "when around 0200 am -they said- they observed a fleet of strange objects that started to circle around their vehicle, stopping the engine and discharging the battery."

"We first remained in the cabin -they explained- and then we threw ourselves to the ground hiding among some plants from which we observed the UFOs' motions, which after four hours disappeared swiftly".

They claimed they "had no physical or psychological problems, and at dawn we inspected the area where we found dead goats and also birds and birds of prey, and saw that the earth had risen a few centimeters and formed big circles".

- In Mar del Plata

Graciela Ballatore and Mabel Rivas, of Street 141 No. 1621 of Mar del Plata city (a beach resort - J.T.) told a local morning paper that Thursday night they could see for half an hour "the motions of a UFO which gave off white and red colors amidst an intense luminosity".

- 1) City and country of incident: Resistencia, Chaco
- 2) Date of incident: ?
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Oct. 5, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO APPEARANCE BEING INVESTIGATED IN CHACO PROVINCE

Resistencia, 4 (From our correspondent) - Police authorities and private researchers are currently investigating an alleged UFO appearance occurred in the northern part of the city, and which was observed by two brothers 13 and 5 years old.

The event occurred in the city's periphery and was protagonized by the brothers Hugo Daniel and Gustavo Aranza, who were hunting a sort of guinea pig (sis) at that time (0900 am).

The childrens' account -both of modest status- coincides each time they are asked, even when being asked separately.

The children say that while they were searching for the little pigs, together with their little dog, they heard her cry out from the underbrush.

"A snake bit her", thought the eldest brother, and both ran towards the spot from where the painful cry came. Upon arriving, Hugo Daniel could see a round "thing".

After some minutes, always according to the account, he was afraid and started to run towards his home. He met his brother on the way, who told him that "a brilliant thing lifted behind his brother's back, which gave off a yellow and green light from the bottom, and a red string was protruding".

- 1) City and country of incident: Bogotá; Bucaramanga, Colombia
- 2) Date of incident: Oct. 4; Oct. 3; Oct. 2/3, resp., 1978
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Oct. 5, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

COUPLE OF UFOS PARALYZES BOGOTÁ

Bogotá, 4 (AFP) - Thousands of local residents had the opportunity today of observing two supposed UFOS in an unusually clear sky.

The center of the city was paralyzed when the alleged flying saucers, one similar to a croissant and the other resembling a cigarette, flew for quite a while, giving off an intense luminosity, to the astonishment of the many witnesses.

Traffic stopped, buildings and streets filled with curious people and some used telephoto lenses to follow their course.

A similar phenomenon occurred yesterday in the city of Bucaramanga, capital of the Dept. of Santander.

- Saucer

The Hague, 4 (EFE) - A citizen of Rotterdam (Holland) claimed that the night of Monday to Tuesday last he photographed a UFO.

Leo Molhaek, 71, reported to the press that the UFO was identical to the one he photographed on Oct. 21, 1965, in Minnesota (USA).

- 1) City and country of incident: Portugal
- 2) Date of incident: 13 years ago
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Oct. 7, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

REVELATION: HE PICKED UP AN EXTRATERRESTRIAL BEING

Porto, Portugal, 6 (AFP) - A live extraterrestrial being was picked up 18 years ago by a university professor in Portugal and a scientific report on this matter will be presented tomorrow Saturday at the First Iberic Congress on Ufology.

The news was published by Joaquín Fernández, a reporter and expert in UFOS, who will preside the Congress organized by Initiative of the "Center for the Study of Astronomical and Unusual Phenomena".

18 years ago, according to Joaquín Fernández, hundreds of people saw several UFOS in the south of Portugal, in full daylight and for four hours, which threw out a cloud of filaments similar to cotton. A university professor was able to pick up a filament and place it in a test tube.

Submitted to tests it could be verified that it was a "live being", one millimeter in section furnished with ten tentacles which ended in a three-branched fork and which adopted a self-defense position.

The Center for the Study of Astronomical and Unusual Phenomena founded in 1972 by a group of young men concerned about UFOS, learned of the existence of that report and has the intention of communicating it to the Organization's general secretary.

- 1) City and country of incident: Río Negro prov. - Palpalá, Jujuy prov. - Tucumán prov., Argentina

- 2) Date of incident: Not given
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Oct. 7, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

DEEP COMMOTION IN CHUBUT: TWO TRUCKERS SAW A UFO CRASH

Trelew, 6 (From our correspondent) - The statement of two truckers who arrived at Puerto Madryn and claimed having sighted an illuminated flying object that crashed to earth at a spot called Bajo Gualicho, has somewhat confused the residents of the city, and upon elaborating on the information, it has caused disappointment and disbelief.

First, during the confusion, the truckers' version was supported by the circumstance that nearby residents had allegedly sighted some UFOS the last days. Once the local Bajo Gualicho had been investigated, the report was not confirmed. As a consequence, after discarding the version, an alternative came up: 5 km from San Antonio Oeste, Río Negro, there is another place also called Bajo Gualicho. Information was requested from said city and is being expected. Meanwhile, the mixture of commotion and disbelief remains in Puerto Madryn and also here, and will only disappear once the required reply arrives.

- Extraterrestrial in Jujuy

Jujuy, 6 (From our correspondent) - News from Palpalá brought the version from two girls, 6 and 10 years old, who claimed having seen through a window a human shaped appearance which emitted a light from the chest. This is linked to the statements from many neighbors who at the same hour saw the motions of a flying object "the color of which changed when it changed position".

The girls are called Estela Judith Barrionuevo and Daniela Mercado. They were playing in the former's patio, when she went to the kitchen to get a fruit. It was shortly after 2200. She saw the appearance in a window. The strange figure advanced towards her and a ray of light from its chest illuminated the way. Crying, she went to where she had been playing with her friends, and one of them, Daniela, resolutely went to the kitchen. She had the same vision: "It had ugly eyes, the face as with scratches, the neck the color of fire with hair that seemed white and was very tall". Hearing the girls' cries, the father of Estela Judith came to see what was happening. He found them very excited but could not see the figure that caused it. He commented the event with the neighbors, the news spread like wildfire, and was linked to that of the UFO moving about in the nearby space.

It is agreed locally that the news are worthy of credit on the basis that the witnesses are two girls who it is expected would not lie.

- He photographed a UFO

Tucumán, 6 (From our correspondent) - A 12 year old boy from the residential district of Marcos Paz in this city has allegedly photographed a UFO and at this time the negative is in the hands of the authorities.

The versions which were not officially confirmed, indicate the boy was in his home's balcony when he saw the strange craft with an incandescent light and a long tail that moved in space. It stopped suddenly for some 45 seconds. Then he photographed it with a small camera. It is stated this is the first case of this kind registered in this city, because even if many flying objects were seen, never was one photographed. (This photograph appeared in the Buenos Aires Herald, showing a black body between some iron bars, date of paper Oct. 9, 1978, already sent to you. The boy was interviewed over Buenos Aires Channel 11, together with his parents, his father being a judge and his mother a teacher. He said he had just quarreled with his younger sister (about 7) over who would use the camera -a Kodak Instamatic-, his sister had left for school and he was alone in the living room, when he turned around hearing a faint sound and saw the UFO. The camera had been loaded a few days before because he wanted to take photographs on Spring Day (Sept. 21 is also Student Day, and all the students go to picnics taking the day off from school). After processing, his father seeing what appeared in the photograph, he decided to make it public saying, as he put it, that it might contribute to the UFO research, about which he had previously been rather sceptic.) J.T. (Also please note this is the third or fourth boy in the same age range who photographed a UFO through the window of the living room-J.T.)

- 1) City and country of incident: Arica (Azapa Valley), Chile
- 2) Date of incident: October 12, 1978
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Nación, Oct. 15, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

THREE CHILEANS FRIGHTENED BY UFO

Santiago de Chile, 14 (EFE) - A pickup of the fiscal service was followed by a UFO which gave off strong-colored lights while a motorcyclist who was running behind almost turned over and then mysteriously disappeared in the city of Arica.

The event is recounted by the paper "La Tercera de la Hora" in a dispatch from the Azapa Valley. At the same time from neighboring Perú other reports were received which also refer to the presence of UFOS.

The strange event was registered at midnight last Thursday, when a pickup with personnel from the National Service of Sanitary Works (SENDOS) was driving towards some sounding works located on Kilometer 5 of the Azapa highway to Arica city.

Suddenly officer Herbert Hermosilla called the attention of driver José Manuel García and the other companion, Jorge Campillay Cruz: "Look..., look..., upwards a ball of fire is approaching us".

García slowed down and says he could verify that at an altitude of some 600 meters in front of his car a semi-spherical body was advancing very fast, emitting violet, red, yellow lights similar to those of a photo flash".

"We were astonished", he adds. "The strange craft stopped almost completely some 200 meters over the pickup, while its lights were growing in intensity".

"A motorcyclist behind us was completely blinded. We saw when he fell from the motorcycle, ignoring what happened afterwards, since he mysteriously disappeared from the spot", they said.

The three occupants of the vehicle stated that the steering wheel jammed while the UFO was overhead, and the pickup started to violently zigzag from one side to the other of the highway, almost turning over.

Hermosilla could communicate with the personnel at the sounding, using the pickup's radio-transmitter. An officer who left the camp on receiving the call, had the same vision, while the UFO moved slowly towards the NW, according to the version of the paper, which underlined this event with large letters in its front page.

- City and country of incident: Porto Velho, Rondonia, Brazil/La Paz, Bolivia
- Date of incident: Oct. 187 - Oct. 17, 1978, resp.
- Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Oct. 19, 1978
- City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

PANIC BROKE OUT IN A BRAZILIAN TOWN ON ACCOUNT OF UFO'S MANEUVERS

Porto Velho, (Brazil), 19 (EFE) - Overcome by panic, some 50 people observed the motions of a UFO in the city of Porto Velho.

The UFO -according to the account made by several people- appeared in a central area of Porto Velho, capital of the Rondonia territory, at an altitude of some 1,000m and, after performing slow maneuvers, disappeared leaving a bluish trail.

On explaining the strange object gave off red and blue lights intermittently, an expert added the sky was completely dark.

- UFO over La Paz

La Paz, 19 (EFE) - A UFO which was flying over the western cordillera which surrounds La Paz, was photographed during the early hours of Tuesday by a 13 year old boy.

José Angel Aramayo, a resident of the central area of Sopocachi, saw the flying object on drawing the curtains in his bedroom and took two photographs during the fleeting course of the UFO.



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'Kawsquatch'

Motorist on turnpike sees strange creature

By TIM AYLWARD

The Capital-Journal State Staff

Late at night, a traveler driving down the highway was startled when a large, dark figure moved from the shadows along the side of the road into the glare of his car's headlights.

The figure was that of a large, hairy creature, according to the traveler's description. Its hair looked auburn.

The creature, he reported later, stood erect and looked to be between eight and 10 feet tall. He first spotted it when it stepped onto the roadway about 50 yards in front of his car, the man said. He slammed on the brakes, and when he was about 30 yards away, he could see the creature looking at his car. Its eyes glowed like a cat's with the reflection of the oncoming headlights.

Quickly, the creature moved off the road ... and disappeared back into the shadows...

The traveler said the creature was not a man, bear or gorilla.

So what was it? And where did the sighting take place?

There are some who are suggesting that what the traveler saw might have been the legendary Sasquatch — or "Bigfoot" — from the North Woods.

But the traveler reported seeing the beast as he drove along the Kansas Turnpike at about 2:30 a.m. Thursday approximately eight miles west of the Kansas City, Kan., toll booths.

After receiving a report on the sighting, a Douglas County Sheriff's Department dispatcher relayed the information by teletype to the Leavenworth County Sheriff's Department, since the sighting took place in that county.

But Friday, Leavenworth County authorities denied they received any information by teletype or radio.

Douglas County authorities say they did.

A dispatcher for the Kansas Highway Patrol office in Kansas City, Kan., said she had not received any information on the sighting either.

Employees with the Leavenworth County Sheriff's Department dismissed the sighting as humorous, but there is at least one group that is taking the sighting seriously.

Irwin Alpert, Kansas City, director of research for the Sasquatch Research Group, said Friday he talked with the man who sighted the creature, and he intends to interview the man further on Saturday.

(Alpert said the man who sighted the creature has been bear hunting in the past, and said what he saw was not a bear.)

In addition, Alpert and other members of the group plan to go out to the approximate location of the sighting and search the area.

Alpert refused to reveal the name of the man who reported the sighting because he said persons reporting to have seen "Bigfoot"-type creatures are often harassed by the public.

Alpert, who has been researching the Bigfoot phenomenon for 13 years, said there have been numerous similar sightings in eastern Kansas and western Missouri in recent years.

There were sightings a few years ago near Linwood and Bonner Springs, he said, and two years ago, a motorist reported catching a glimpse of a large figure moving into the bushes near the intersection of K-10 and K-7.

There have also been reports of bears, or bear-like beasts in the area, too. Last week, motorists reported seeing a bear sitting in the median at the 198 mile marker on the turnpike. And there was a more recent report about bear tracks being found near Eudora.

"This (the sighting early Thursday) is just the first one that has been reported to the authorities," Alpert said.

But was it?

Earlier this year, a family living near Springdale in Leavenworth County was warned by a sheriff's deputy to take care of the family horses because there had been a few instances of horses being injured or killed by what authorities thought at the time was a bear.

When asked later about the possibility of bears in the area near Springdale, officials with the sheriff's department laughed at that possibility off, saying, "Whoever cooked up such a story must have been baying at a full moon."

While law enforcement officials may not be taking the sighting seriously, Alpert is — at least until he pursues it a little further.

But he is unhappy about the publicity at this stage of his investigation.

He said it was "not good" that reports had made the radio airwaves because "whenever there are reported sightings, monster hunters come out with their guns."

"The first thing they want to do is kill the monster."

Law officers can't locate furry beast

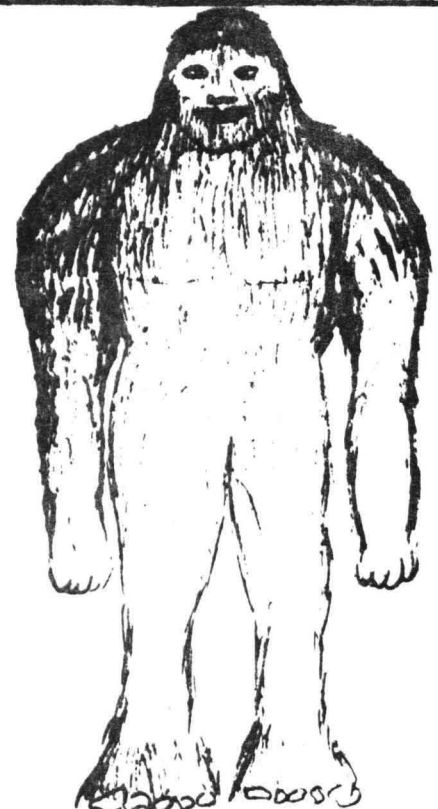
There may be a huge, furry animal strolling on its hind legs through a rural area northwest of Lawrence, but five law enforcement officers who looked for it Sunday couldn't find it.

Officers from the Douglas County sheriff's office, the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Kansas Fish and Game Commission spent several minutes Sunday morning looking for the animal reportedly sighted by two hunters.

The hunters said they were walking in a field about 2½ miles northwest of the city when they saw the black, furry creature at an estimated distance of 300 yards. The men told investigators the animal appeared to be about eight feet tall and was walking on its hind legs.

Law enforcement officers said they checked the area on foot but were unable to sight the animal or any footprints it might have made.

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Alpert does not want amateurs — many of whom might be armed and therefore dangerous — tramping around over possible tracks or other evidence the Sasquatch was indeed near the highway early Thursday morning.

He said his group would not make any public announcements about their investigation unless there are significant developments.

"The Bigfoot has never been known to attack anybody," Alpert said. "As far as I know, it has never been in a situation where it has been cornered by men. If it presented a threat to people, we would make some kind of announcement, but not unless there is a threat."

Is there a 'Kawsquatch'? Or could all this be, as Leavenworth County authorities suggest, nothing more than the affects of a full moon?

Maybe, but there seem to be a lot of people interested about whatever it is out there that's doing the baying.

Sleuths Have an Answer To U.P.'s Mystery Light

By BOB SATRAN
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EAGLE RIVER — The legends surrounding the mystery light of Paulding, Mich., could be snuffed out as a result of a comprehensive study made by two Eagle River area summer residents, Jerrold Winther and Bruce Feller.

Like many others, the two had read of the mystery light and its legends and they made repeated visits to the site in the last couple of years.

They had heard of people linking the mystery light, which comes and goes each night, to murders, to UFOs, to marsh gasses and a corona discharge from nearby power lines.

Winther and Feller weren't convinced that any of these reasons were valid, and they set out to once-and-for-all determine the cause of the light.

Equipped with a 200-power telescope and CB radios in two cars, the men decided to check out the possibility of auto lights on a distant road as the cause.

They decided to make their study because two New Jersey seismologists were planning to travel to Paulding and study the light sometime next month. The seismologists are of the opinion that the light might be a sign of tremors or earthquakes.

Winther and Feller believed otherwise. And they now feel they have proof positive that the mystery light is the result of auto lights, and not the light of a ghost railroad engineer looking for his soul as some contend, nor the light from a slain mailman who was looking for his sled dogs killed at the same time he was murdered, as others said.

They are convinced the lights come and go as autos travel up and down the distant cemetery hill, and not the illumination given by UFOs skittering across the countryside or gasses escaping from a fault in the earth's crust.

Taking a rather logical approach to the mystery light question, Winther and Feller, who live most of the summer at homes on Sunset Lake, just west of Eagle River, decided to attempt to eliminate the probable causes one at a time. The most probable was the car light theory.

"We traveled to the site of the mystery light sightings that have been reported for more than 12 years," said Winther. "We saw the bright light about in line with the power lines when we looked due north," he added.



Light Hunters — Jerrold Winther, left, and Bruce Feller feel that they have the answer to the mysterious light at

Paulding, Mich. They are shown with the high-powered telescope they used in their investigation.

The observation site is about 4½ miles north of Watersmeet, Mich., on old Highway 45.

The men set up their telescope on top of the hill where people have come to view the mysterious light for all these years. One remained at that location, pointing the telescope in the direction of where the lights always appear.

The other drove north along Highway 45, about 3.7 miles north of Paulding to Cemetery Hill. When he reached the crest of the hill the other could see the light with the telescope, and with the magnification of the scope the light became not just one, but two lights, such as the headlights of a car.

Without the benefit of the telescope, the lights blended into one bright source.

With their CB radios the men communicated with each other as to when the headlights of the car were turned on and off. They coincided with the mystery light.

When the headlights were turned off the light disappeared, and when they were turned on it showed to the naked eye as one bright light, but through the telescope as two.

They checked out the lights of other motorists as well, continuing to communicate by CB radio. When a car was traveling north, away from Paulding, the viewer could see a red light. When the car approached the city he saw a white light. Even the yellow lights of the cab of a truck were identified.

He and Feller maintain that the lights were reflected off the aluminum stranding when the cars reached a certain area on Cemetery Hill and remained visible until they reached another point. A continuous stream of cars could result in continuous lighting.

John Caruso, of the Wisconsin Electric Power Co., confirmed that the power lines had aluminum stranding, but he was not convinced that car lights were the cause.

"We attempted to check out car lights and used radio vehicles back in 1974 but did not come up with any conclusions," Caruso said. He said they would like to investigate the lights again and check out the methods used by Winther and Feller.

In explaining the larger light from the viewing point, Feller, who is a physicist with Northwestern University, said the light from the car shines down and reflects off the lines, with multiple reflections resulting.

At first there seemed to be some merit in the belief that it could have come from a corona discharge caused by high voltage lines, said Winther, who is an electrical engineer from Kenosha. But this idea was dropped when the car light theory checked out.

"We were even more convinced," said Feller, "when the viewer reported seeing colored lights that coincided with the red tail lights of the vehicles or the yellow lights from the cab of a truck."

The reason the lights could be seen such a distance, said Winther, is that the power lines have aluminum strandings, and aluminum has one of the highest reflective qualities of any metal.

They are eager to prove their theory to those who may have questions.

Why did they disclose it at this time? Winther said they thought the seismologists from New Jersey could be saved a lot of unnecessary expense if a simple answer was to be found.

The stories about the mysterious light are certain to persist, for many may not accept the car light theory. It may sound too simple, and perhaps there is more to it, but the men believe others will be viewing the mystery light with telescopes and using CB radios to check out the latest explanation.

OMAH GOSH! YETI ANOTHER BIGFOOT SEEN

By STEVEN KLAUS

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Another Bigfoot sighting has been reported in Humboldt County.

Mark Thompson, the teen-age son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Thompson of rural Hardy, told authorities he saw a creature resembling Bigfoot Thursday evening in a soybean field on a farm his family is working near Hardy.

Mrs. Thompson said her son was sitting in a pickup truck in a lane on the edge of the field when he saw a large, ape-like creature looking at him.

She said Mark drove closer to the creature for a better look. He said it was about seven feet tall and covered with brownish-black hair. The creature moved away when Mark honked his horn and flashed the pickup's lights.

An independent observer who visited the bean field Saturday said he found footprints that led into a marshy area and disappeared in tall weeds. He said the prints were 14 inches long and two inches deep.

"They definitely were not made by any farm animal," he said.

Around Ottosen

Young Thompson is the latest of a dozen or so residents in Humboldt and Kossuth counties to report such sightings since July, when a large, foul-smelling, ape-like creature was first reported in Ottosen, a hamlet near the Humboldt-Kossuth county line.

The reports have left many residents tense. Authorities say Bigfoot has become dinner table conversation in homes and schools. Consequently, imaginations are apt to run ahead of the facts.

Sheriff Marvin Andersen said his office received two other Bigfoot reports last week and both turned out to be false alarms.

Andersen said one of his deputies looked into a report last Sunday evening that some young people had seen Bigfoot near Bradgate. Andersen said they reported seeing a creature in a farm field about a mile away from where they were standing. The "creature" turned out to be a tandem farm disc with its arms extended upward.

The other report came from about 40 high school students who were building a homecoming float Wednesday night on a farm south of Renwick. They told authorities they had seen two creatures, one with red eyes and another with blue eyes, in a cornfield.

Officers checked the field but found nothing.

"But it had them scared," said the sheriff. "It had them scared enough where they went to town and weren't going back out there."

In July, the creature was reported on three occasions in Ottosen. There were no more sightings until September, when it was reported twice in the rural area around Ottosen.

The sheriff's office also has received reports of an animal releasing strange, high-pitched

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Creature's not forgotten

Hunters certain they saw beast

The search for a huge, furry beast reportedly sighted northwest of Lawrence has been abandoned but not forgotten.

Two Lawrence housepainters, Jim Swager and Fred Hadl, said they saw the beast Sunday while hunting squirrels about 2½ miles northwest of Lawrence on property owned by Ed Stroda.

And though a party of law enforcement officials couldn't find a trace of the creature Sunday, the matter isn't entirely closed.

The two hunters are convinced the beast they saw was black and about eight feet tall, was out there, and Stroda agreed "to keep an eye open for a while."

"I'll be damned if I was seeing things," Hadl told reporters. "Two of us saw it."

Sheriff's deputy Don Crowe, one of five law enforcement officers that searched for the beast said the two hunters told officers that the beast was walking in a cut milo field when they saw it.

"We went out and looked in the area it was supposed to be in,"

Crowe said, "And we didn't find anything. That's about all there is to it."

Crowe and another deputy were accompanied by two highway patrolmen and state game protector Bruce Bertwell in the search.

Crowe said the search party found no tracks left by the creature.

"It (the ground) was hard, but it was dusty. You could see dog tracks and deer tracks," he said.

However, Crowe noted that the men said they were about 300 yards from the beast. "It was hard to pinpoint exactly where it was," he said.

Crowe said there are enough trees near the area to hide a creature of the size the hunters described. "It's possible, I guess," he said.

The Sunday sighting is not the first such incident in the area.

In late September, a Douglas County man told officers that a beast of similar proportions to the recently reported creature ran in front of his car along the Kansas turnpike near Bonner

Springs.

A subsequent investigation found no evidence of that creature.

Crowe said that another sighting five years ago near Baldwin had turned out to be a lost black bear.

If not a black bear, could there be a Bigfoot roaming near Lawrence?

A spokesman for the Project Grendel Bigfoot Hotline in Seattle, Washington, said there is a chance the creature sighted Sunday is one of the famous ape-like beasts, thought by some to exist in the nation's wilderness areas.

He added that hunters should refrain from shooting at the beast if it appears again.

"These are a very rare species . . .," he said, "People have shot at them quite a bit . . . it doesn't seem to kill them."

"Also, there is a chance that wounded animal might become dangerous."

Project Grendel is part of a national organization that collects information on Bigfoot sightings.

Unidentified crawling object sighted

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Great Falls certainly doesn't have a corner on snake stories.

Cascade has one, too. A Helena woman stopped in at Chief of Police Earl Damon's office in Cascade about a week ago to report she almost had put her car in the barrow pit of Interstate Highway 15 about 2½ miles south of Cascade when a huge snake struck at her car or was struck by her car.

Damon said he went to the area she had described but was unable to find anything. But, he said, "that doesn't mean that it wasn't there or that she didn't see it."

Damon said some other people, reportedly from the Flathead area, also saw the huge reptile.

Eileen Blackburn, the driver of the Helena car, said, "I was about 2½ or 3 miles this (the Helena) side of Cascade and coming north at the time. I didn't know what it was. I thought about it all that night and the next day, too."

"It was between 20 and 30 feet long and its coils were at least three feet across. It covered my side of the freeway. It was standing, with its head up, and it was taller than the hood of my car."

"I tried to slow down and I'm sure I hit it or it struck at the car because it hit high on the left hand side of my car. It appeared to be a sort of a gray-white in color with a tan strip."

"It had a flat head that came down

to a point and the head was wider than the body. The body was about six inches in diameter at its widest point and, from the way it stood and the shape of the head, it looked like a cobra. I've seen rattlesnakes, bullsnakes and cobras and this looked like a cobra."

Mrs. Blackburn's daughter, Sherry, was in the car with her mother and also saw the creature.

Damon said the snake could have been lost from a vehicle which had traveled through the area but that he had not been able to locate it. The area off the highway has been torn up during the summer because of road construction work.

screams near Ottosen and other towns in Humboldt County.

In early September a West Bend fisherman found about two dozen footprints under a bridge over the West Fork of the Des Moines River. Plaster casts made of two of the footprints show that they are 16 inches long and five inches wide and have four definite claws measuring up to three inches.

Missing Link, Or Hoax?

Whether the creature is really a Bigfoot — an elusive primate believed by some persons to occupy a place between man and ape — or a hoax, remains to be determined.

Similar creatures have been reported in almost all parts of the world, and are known by names such as Bigfoot, yeti, omah or Sasquatch.

The existence of Bigfoot has never been proven conclusively.

Some who have studied the Bigfoot phenomenon, including Kevin Cook, who heads the Iowa Bigfoot Information Center, believe several of these creatures roam the midlands at night following the Mississippi and Missouri River basins.

Cook believes it could be significant that most of the recent sightings have occurred near the Rock Island Lines railroad tracks that run through West Bend, Ottosen and Hardy. He also believes the creatures travel in families of two adults and a youngster.

Sheriff Andersen says he hopes the mystery will be solved after Humboldt County's corn crop is harvested.

"If it's still around here when we get this corn out, it's not going to have as much cover to hide in," Andersen said.

The sheriff also noted that it would be easier to track a creature in the snow.

Cattle mutilations continue to plague community

In August, three farmers near Dixon and another near Iberia reported cattle killings. The "mutilations" were similar with various parts of the animals' bodies being cut out and the rest left lying in fields to rot. Most of the blood had been drained from the carcasses.

Since the killings, rumors, some of which may be true, have been circulating in Dixon, saying the mutilations were the work of a satan worshipping cult. Just how the stories got started, no one seems to know. But the populace is talking and the rumors are growing more gruesome and unbelievable.

Deputy Gene Bracy, of the Maries County Sheriff's Department, offered some clarification. The cult, which was (or is) supposed to be in the area, is said to follow the preachings in a paperback book available on most newsstands - The Satanic Bible.

Bracy said he read parts of the book describing animal sacrifices. The ritual outlined in the book follows closely the way the four animals were killed.

The farmer near Iberia (he asked his name not be revealed) lost a 1,800 pound Simmental bull. The bull was the herd sire valued at over \$1,200. The owner thinks the bull was tranquilized and the blood drained causing its death.

Although the carcass was not discovered for several days it was evident the animal did not struggle, thus the tranquilizing theory. Its eyes, tongue and sex organs had been cut out. The incisions were precise.

Dr. Max John, a veterinarian from Vienna, Missouri, was called to examine the bull. He said the animal had been dead too long to make any positive statement about the cause of death or anything else. But the doctor said he did find it strange that the sex organs had been cut off. "I've never seen a case like it before."

The first animal killed belonged to Kenneth Warnol, who lives near Dixon, in Maries County. He found the heifer on Friday, August 4th, several days after it was killed. It was lying on a bank near a pond 400 feet from his home.

The 650 pound cow was estimated to be worth \$350. The sex organs were again neatly cut out and the left ear was missing. Warnol said he was convinced the animal was killed by human hands because he could see knife marks.

He too suspected the cow was first tranquilized because there was no evidence of a struggle. "Anytime you kill an animal they kick up a little dust, but this one just dropped."

Duane Stone, a Pulaski County farmer, lost a 425 pound steer which he says would have brought roughly 75 cents a pound.

Still another Maries County man reported a killing on his farm near Dixon. He was unavailable for comment but police officials say the cow's death was similar to the rest.

Factually, that is the extent of the cases. Rumors, however, have kept the subject talked about even though the last killing was over a month ago.

Sheriff's department personnel in Maries and Pulaski Counties are investigating the cases, but not releasing many details. Concerned persons from the Dixon area are also spending a lot of time checking out rumors as well as facts.

Another bit of information, also unsubstantiated, is the cult may make a human sacrifice probably around Halloween. The story has angered some parents, who say it is doing nothing but scaring children.

Others say they would rather have the children safe than sorry. Some area school superintendents have sent notes home with students warning of the predicted event. Most place little faith in the prediction, partially because this happened once before, three years ago.

In 1975 there was a series of cattle mutilations in Missouri and approximately

three or four in Pulaski County. The animals were killed and cut on in the same manner, often with the sex organs being taken.

Even then the events were linked with a satanic cult, but nothing was proven. Predictions of a human sacrifice were rumored, according to Deputy Bracy, but nothing happened.

Bracy said the human sacrifice element also evolved from the preachings in the Satanic Bible. According to the book the ultimate sacrifice is a 13-year-old unbaptized girl. But just because the book describes such a sacrifice, does not mean it will happen here, he said. "But you know how rumors spread."

Although few things are known to be fact, four head of cattle were killed, most likely by human hands, and not for food.

Cow found dead on Cox farm...

Dixon and Maries County police were notified last Thursday that another cow had been found dead --- adding to the rumors (or facts) that a devil worship cult of some type was in operation. The cow, worth over \$300, was found on the Jim Cox farm along HH highway by the owner. The cow was discovered about one-fourth of a mile from the Cox home. Cox thought that the cow had been dead since Tuesday.

At first, it was believed that a devil worship cult was responsible for the killing. However, Stewart Nelson, a pathologist at the University of Missouri Veterinary Diagnostic Center in Columbia, who was on duty this past Saturday when the cow was brought there, performed an autopsy and stated that the cow had not been killed by human hands and that the cow's rectum and right ear "had been eaten by natural predators." Stewart went on to say that this was not an act of "evil doing" and that a "normal amount of blood" was in the animal.

Nelson did not make any statements on any previous killings because he did not see any of the carcasses.

Mystery apparently unraveled

Bigfoot's named Butch

The "Bigfoot" sighted northwest of Lawrence early Oct. 15 probably was a fellow named Butch, a man with bushy hair who wears a black and green camouflage suit while hunting deer.

Two local house painters, Jim Swager and Fred Hadl, told authorities they were hunting squirrels early on a Sunday morning on the Ed Stroda property when they saw what they described as a dark, hairy creature that stood about eight feet tall. Evidence is the "creature" was Butch Stone, 2722 Bonanza. Stone admits with a chuckle that his deer-hunting get-up could have caused observers to jump to conclusions early in the morning.

Stone's probable role in the sighting came to light over the weekend when he went to Bruce Bertwell, state game protector for the area. Stone works for Hillcrest Wrecker and Garage and had been working long shifts lately. He hadn't had a chance to read or hear news accounts about the sighting of the beast, Bertwell explained.

"When he finally read about it, he got to figuring it might have been him, and he came to me. What he told me checked out pretty well," Bertwell said. The game protector did not reveal Stone's identity, but a relative suggested that Stone be contacted and he readily talked about it.

"It was about 7:30 in the morning, I guess, at a time when it might have been just dark enough to confuse somebody. The sun could have been in their eyes, too," Stone said. "And my get-up might have lent itself to the deal, too."

Stone explained he was wearing a black and dark green camouflage suit his wife had recently given him, and "I have fairly bushy hair and wasn't wearing a hat."

Stone was walking along the edge of a milo field near timber when he saw a pickup truck pull into the area about 300 to 400 yards away. He told the game protector the people in the truck appeared to give him a double-take or two; he looked them over; then went back into the timber to resume his bow-and-arrow quest for deer. That's the last he knew about it until caught up on his reading.

"All the stories seem to check out pretty well," said Bertwell, the game protector. "The subject's (Stone's) movements were deliberate as he looked over the other two men from a distance, and they could have interpreted his return into the timber as a retreat from them. I'd bet this is what happened."

The squirrel hunters notified authorities, but it was 11 a.m., Bertwell said, before he could get to the scene. He said he found nothing unusual and no tracks to indicate any creature of a Bigfoot nature had been there.

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Hunter Reports Bigfoot Sighting

A Bigfoot sighting was reported to the Skamania County Sheriff's Office Monday, Nov. 6, by Jack Webb of Longview. Webb stated that he and four other hunters observed the Bigfoot standing next to trees about 8 p.m. It was, he said, 7 to 8 feet tall, brownish black in color, with long arms and legs. When first observed, the creature was about 200 yards away from the party. It was last seen slowly walking away into the woods.

A Contra Costa Woman Stalks Bigfoot

By **DOREEN CARVAJAL**
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PINOLE — She is an unlikely hunter, a wisp of a woman, weighing 90 pounds.

Her prey is an elusive, 800-pound, 10-foot-tall man-ape that reportedly stalks the postcard pretty woods of Lake Tahoe.

She searches for her giant prey with the fervor of Captain Ahab, Moby Dick's persistent pursuer.

"I won't be satisfied until I see it with my own eyes," said Marion Schubert, shuffling through blurred photos of her quarry.

Schubert, a young Pinole mother, joined the hunt for the legendary Bigfoot months ago when she inadvertently snapped a photo of what she believes is a flaxen-haired Sasquatch.

Now the young woman is peddling her prize color photo to Life magazine and searching for more evidence that a back-country camping area at Lake Tahoe may be home to some unusually large, hairy campers.

Schubert, 24, looks like a fresh-faced teenager, with her long, straight blonde hair, blue jeans and big eyes — which widen as she tells her stories of Bigfoot.

Tales she insists are true.

"I'm not a liar," Schubert said vehemently, and challenged anyone to explain the mysterious Sasquatch pictures.

Her cracked and wrinkled original photo shows a grim-faced blonde creature standing woodenly in a sunlit forest clearing.

A magnifying glass reveals the shadowy silhouette of an arm and the tracings of a beady eye, pug nose and sharp, bared teeth.

Schubert failed to notice the unwilling model until the dark, overexposed picture was developed and the unexplainable outlines of an ape-like creature appeared.

She ignored her rare find until friends persuaded her that the picture could only be explained in light of the legend of Bigfoot.

Bigfoot — also known as Sasquatch, Seeahatik, Wauk Wauk, Te Samietl Soquwiam or Saskahevis — is a subhuman creature with the appearance of a hairy man and the habits and mentality of an animal.

Since the turn of the century, hundreds of people have reported sightings of the creature in British Columbia and the northwestern United States.

There were reportedly sightings of the massive creature in Antioch in the early part of the century.

Once she unearthed it from its ignominious keeping place in a cupboard, the picture of the legendary beast began to haunt Schubert.

"I couldn't sleep. I could see the arm and I knew it wasn't a tree. So I called Dr. Don at KFRC because he jokes about everything and I had heard him joking about Bigfoot."

The popular Bay area disc jockey played their conversation over the air, soliciting the advice of his listeners.

As a result of the public conversation, Schubert learned about Project Grendel, a Washington-based group dedicated to identifying and protecting Bigfoot.

That group enlarged the photo into a grainy, pastel-colored picture that highlighted details of the ape-like face.

With motherly pride, Schubert traced the shadowy features with her index finger on dozens of magnified photos.

A purplish-pink photo displays a tiny inhuman eye, flaring nostrils and perturbed expression on the face of the creature.

It also displays the vague features of a second, smaller Bigfoot.

Schubert is convinced that this is a female Sasquatch peering anxiously over the shoulder of her mate.

"When they (Project Grendel) told me I had a picture of Bigfoot I came unglued. I found Bigfoot," Schubert smiled triumphantly.

"My boyfriend had a cousin from the city who was scared to death of Bigfoot. We thought it was a joke; we didn't believe in it.

"It's a strange feeling to think that he could have walked two steps across a pond and could have had me," she said.

The tiny clearing and murky pond where Sasquatch supposedly stood has lured Schubert back dozens of times since she snapped her first photo in April.

She returned in mid-September armed with Bigfoot bait — meat, vegetables and fruit — measuring tapes, expensive camera and a steely determination to greet the hairy creature without panicking.

She never had the chance to introduce herself.

But they were there, Schubert insisted.

"It really puzzles me. I was actually looking for them this time and I didn't see anything. Then they developed my new pictures," she said.

Three pictures showed the soft outlines of a large humanoid figure.

In one photo, a stumpy grey creature stands next to a stand of trees. The figure is missing in a picture of the same spot.

"This'll wig you out," Schubert says as she gleefully grabs the picture. "We measured those trees — one of them was seven-and-a-half feet. He stands nearly two feet higher."

Her other pictures show two figures, one sitting and the other apparently reclining against the limbs of a tree.

Schubert's Bigfoot family album also includes dozens of pictures of massive footprints discovered during recent forays into the back country.

An average footprint measures 13 inches long, 10 inches wide and two inches deep, she claimed.

Schubert still wants to meet Bigfoot.

"I want to see one with my own eyes. I don't know what I'd do if I actually did," Schubert admitted.

"If my heart can take it I want to try to talk to one. I've talked to myself about it so I won't panic. If it comes near me I'll just freeze and stare. And it it grabs me..." — the fearless hunter refused to consider the possibility.



Marion Schubert displays the photo she inadvertently snapped of what she believes is a flaxen-haired Bigfoot. She was unaware the creature was present when she took the picture; the image appeared when the film was developed. At left is a sketch of the legendary creature.

By Eric Rahkonen

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...Bigfoot mangles turkey

Glenrock police are puzzled over the authenticity of several reported "Big Foot" sightings in recent weeks.

According to at least five witnesses, the creature is roaming the countryside east of town near Deer Creek and the North Platte River. On at least one occasion, two witnesses claim the creature was roaming the city itself, "jumping backyard fences with a mangled turkey in his mouth."

Since none of the witnesses checked for footprints, police feel the incidents may have been a hoax.